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Introduction.

"It has pleased our Heavenly Father, who is ever benevolent to his creatures, to send us, at this time, thru the means of his own appointing, a revelation of his will: not by one Instrument only, but by many, and in every place where the Gospel of his two Anointed Ones has been established & maintained. In every place his holy word has fallen like the dew of heaven, to nourish every part of his vineyard. And in all the messages and communications we can trace the influence of Divine wisdom: "all things are perfectly adapted to the condition, situation and needs, of the people of God in this day."

"Thru these divine communications we have gained much knowledge respecting a spiritual world and the state of souls therein: we have been taught the order & employment of the just and holy; the sufferings of the wicked, and how they are tormented. Besides much holy instruction, we have received many precious promises for our strength and comfort. We have learned more perfectly the union and connection between souls in & out of the body, and have been made to feel a nearer connection to the heavenly host."

"Four years has Mother labor'd, to help our souls along,
And fed us with her blessings, to make our spirit strong.
She's taught us to be simple, more humble, meek & low,
And keep down in the valley, where living waters flow.
To all the sons of Zion, good Mother has declar'd,
They must be strong and valiant, well harness'd & prepar'd,
To give the foe no quarter, but conquer ev'ry band,
And drive out all the aliens, and purify the land.
She's taught her lovely daughters to walk in love & peace,
And (shunning ev'ry evil) to labor for increase
In overcoming power, in faithfulness and zeal,
In thankfulness to Heaven for ev'ry gift they feel.
To all she has declar'd, if they will faithful prove,
They shall receive a treasure of everlasting love;
And brilliant crowns of glory far brighter than the sun,
She'll give her faithful children, when here their race is run.
Thus have her younger children, who never saw her face,
While she was in the body, and moving in this place,
Receiv'd her pure instructions, monitions, and have heard,
As did her older children, their precious Mother's word."

"Not only has our blessed Mother Ann bestowed many precious blessings upon us, but we have received many beautiful things thru the ministration of other holy spirits. Our heavenly" parents "have indeed

blessed their children in a wonderful manner; so that they have nothing to plead in extenuation of aberrations from their duty; but, if they err, they must bear their own mortification, and confess their fault as having been committed against clear & plain instructions. Much has been done, that we might know our Master's will."

The messages and communications here recorded, were first separately committed to writing by the visionists and inspired brethren and sisters, who received them from the heavenly world. Those original papers were examined by the compiler of the present volume; and where any sentiment or historical fact appeared not to be expressed with so much clearness and strength as it might be, an amendment has in most cases been made, by varying a word or phrase; but in no case has the sense of any sentence been changed from the original intention and meaning; and the style in general remains unvaried. The small amendments that have been made, can be seen on the original manuscripts. Those papers will doubtless be preserved for many years, to satisfy any inquiry that might arise, respecting the correctness of the present

transcript. The copying of the visions, messages and communications in the manner above related, has met with the approbation of the visionists & inspired ones, as well as of the Ministry and Elders.

The particular manner in which the divine manifestations were received, may generally be known by consulting the titles of the chapters: but not in every instance; for the distinction between visible and invisible inspiration is not always noticed. When the phrase visionary Instrument or visionary inspired Instrument is used, the heavenly messenger was <u>seen</u> by the Instrument, and the communication was delivered with an audible voice, and distinctly heard. The phrase inspired Instrument is, in this compilation, most generally applied to a communication from some heavenly messenger not seen by the Instrument, yet realized as being present, and conveying ideas and words to the mind by a supernatural power, either vocally or silently. Sometimes a <u>spiritual copy</u> of a message or letter was brought by a holy angel or spirit, and presented to view; in which case the conveyance was altogether by the gift of vision, or by vision and inspiration united. The word and

will of God is made known to mortals, by various methods and means of his own wise chusing, according as the occasion may require, for the edification of his people, and for their increase in every gospel virtue.

As the first recipients of God's word in ancient days, were required to commit the same to writing, or at least a certain part thereof; that it might be preserved, for the benefit of the people who were then living, and for those who should come after them, and by which even we have been furnished with a rich treasure; so it is the duty of his people in this day, to perpetuate a memorial of the late manifestation of his power and goodness, which has been wonderfully displayed in many divine messages from the ministering saints and angels of heaven, and from the almighty Lord and the eternal Mother Wisdom.

"O may these things to each one prove
A source of pure delight,
And cause us all to grow in love
And knowledge to do right."

June 3, 1842.

Part 1st

Visions, Messages and Communications,

given in the Church or First Family.

Chapter II.

A Vision seen by one of the Brethren, [Jefferson White,] and accompanied with a Communication, Tuesday Evening, Feb. 13th, 1838, when in the 34th Year of his Age.

1, He saw his deceased Eld. Brother, and heard him talk about the heavenly World. 2, His Spirit was then entranced, and taken to a Place, where he beheld the Wicked in Torment. 3, He saw a Representation of the future State of a certain One who had left the Way of God, &c.

1. Elder brother Daniel appeared

to me, and showed me the work of souls in heaven: their travel &c. were clearly pointed out. The streets of New Jerusalem he described to me, and also many other things too numerous here to mention: He described it as the most beautiful place that the eye ever beheld. He told me if I would be faithful, I might have the privilege to go and live with him.

2. I was then taken in a trance, and carried where I saw some souls who had, as he informed me, left the way of God. Awful, awful was their state. They appeared to be in the greatest torment that could be imagined. I felt so for them, that I cried out, wishing they might be released from their awful situation; but was told, there is no mercy for them; they have got to suffer till they have paid the last farthing.

3. I was then showed the state of a person who had once lived with the people of God, and whom I knew. His state was shown to me as it will be, when he is waked up to feel a full sense of his separation from God and his people. He appeared to feel awfully; and asked if he might not have another privilege. As he appeared to be in great torment, I was about to speak in his behalf. All at once,

six or eight spoke with voices like thunder, saying, nay, nay, nay. I knew the voices; and the most of them were of those who had suffered loss by the above-mentioned person. And it was left with them in part, to decide his fate. I then asked Eld. brother Daniel if there was no chance for him. He said, There is none: His state is awful, inexpressible, and it would be of no avail to pray for him: having had a great privilege, and abused it, and also having done great injury to others, he will have to suffer for it.

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Chapter II.

A Message from Mother and the first Elders, audibly communicated to a visionary Instrument, mainly by Father James, March 19th in the Evening and 20th in the Morning, (Monday & Tuesday,) 1838.

1, Introduction by the Visionist, including with his own Observations, a few Words from Mother. 2, They had come to see if we as a People were in the Situation that had been reported to them, &c. 3, He describes the condition of the People; warns the Opposers of God's Work;

gives some Counsel concerning them, &c. 4, Father James and the Rest feel much for this Society; they give Instruction and counsel suitable to the Occasion. 5, The whole heavenly Host praying for the People here. 6 & 7, Father James and Mother give much good Instruction and solemn Warning. 8, Father James kept the Spirits from entering the House. 9, All the Elders in the Society to be called together, and put in a Labor to administer a Gift of Prayer & Repentance. 10, The Elders called together, the Message delivered, and the Gift administered to the Brethren and Sisters.

1. For the first time, Mother Ann, Father James, Father William, and Father Hocknell came to see me. I thought I had seen very bright spirits before; especially when Elder sister Lydia & Eldress Molly appeared: but Mother and the first Elders far outshined all others that I had seen. Father James appeared as the chief speaker. But Mother said, The message which Father James has to deliver, must be communicated to the Society, as a message from <u>all</u> of us; and named herself first, and Father James next.

2. Father James said, We have come to see if these things are so: one message after another has

been sent, and has not produced the desired effect; and the cry has come up to heaven against you, and we have come to see what is going on, through the Society. We have been waiting, for a long time, hoping you would all come into the work, and purge away the evil from among you. But where are you now? There is an Achan in the camp. We cannot go into your house, till you purge out all the evil from among you, or come further into the work.

3. It is not our desire that any should perish, but that all may come to the knowledge of the truth, and be saved. It is an awful thing for any soul to be lost: but if there are any who are seeking for evil, they will find a plenty of it; and such souls will be cut off. And if any hold on, trying to save them, they will go with them. The time is short that such souls will have with the people of God. They may flatter themselves if they hold on a while, the great work now going on, will cease: they will be mistaken. You are not quick to discern between the evil and the good. The opposite has got a great foothold in this Society, and is now worse than the flesh. Mother Ann said, We have all been lost in the flesh; but this opposite will sink those souls who

adhere to it, to the lowest hell. Father James said, The very place is consecrated, even the ground; and I wish I could so say of the people. I cannot, as there are some who have not yet confessed their sins. And they will come into your meeting house, and mock at the gifts of God. So bold have they got in their opposition, that even the world can see it; and you so engaged, you hardly observe it. These things ought not so to be. And you can get but a little blessing, while you have such creatures with you. But let them beware how they conduct themselves in future; let them take warning, and repent; lest some should be smitten, as Heliodorus was, and carried out from the treasury of the Lord. I feel that their day is almost past. They appear to care but little for those things which concern their salvation. Let them go: do not hold on, unless they will come and acknowledge the errar of their ways. I fear that there are some among you, who will sink, to rise no more. Such souls God will mock at, when their day of judgment comes; and they will yet wake up in hell, and see those whom they have ridiculed and made light of, enjoying the union & fellowship of heaven. There are those among you, who are honest

and faithful, laboring to do the best they can. And such souls I love. And there is mercy now for every one that will humble themselves, and repent. But those who persist in their evil ways, God will punish with hypocrites and unbelievers. (He then stamped with one foot so forcibly, it seemingly made the very heavens jar.)

4. He then said, I feel much for this Society; as I deceased here, and also have suffered much. And God <u>will</u> have a people here, that will worship him in spirit and in truth. There are many sincere souls among the world, who are desiring to come here for salvation; but cannot come, as you are not prepared: you keep them back. — Mother Ann said, I will come in for a share of the feeling that is felt for this Society. Altho it is true that Father James has suffered much for you, still, I was the first in this day, first called in Christ's second appearing. All praise however is due to Christ: but I am the Bride, the Lamb's wife, mentioned in the book of Revelation. Father William said, It seems as tho no one could weep as I do. Mother Ann spoke, and said, He had that gift given him. And you must reverence Father Hocknel, as he was a great help to us temporaly; and had it not been for him, I do not know how we

should have been able to have kept along, as we were in a strange land. Father James and all those with him, spoke, and said, The tribulation we feel for this Society, is more, far more than can be described. Father James said, You are too self-righteous. The whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. They all kneeled down, and cried and prayed for us. Mother said she could weep all night for us, if it would do any good.

5. At the same time I saw as it were millions all on their knees. Father James spoke, and said, you see only a small part of those who are on their knees, praying for the people in old Enfield: said he, the Whole eternal world are at this time on their knees, praying for the people in Enfield. He said, could we sense how much was felt for us by the whole eternal world, we should be willing to come even with the dust. But said he, it seemed as tho some here cared nothing how much they felt for us: the just suffering for the unjust. This could not always be endured: the long suffering would have an end. They all wept and groaned and prayed for us, even the whole heavenly world. Father James and those with him sung three songs, which were very solemn.

6. Father James said we must all keep in union with our Lead: the members keep in union with the Elders, and the Elders with the Ministry. He said we were not to look to New Lebanon and Watervliet for counsel; but to our Ministry; they to the New Lebanon Ministry; and in that way we all should harmonize. They said, New Lebanon is the place to which all believers in the land should look for examples. They said we ought to feel thankful to our good Ministry for bearing with us so long, and taking so much pains to instruct us, and show us the way. They said, tongue could not express what our Ministry had felt for us. Time after time, they had come and made labars with us, and left; and when they come again, where were we? Dull and stupid, scarcely any life among us. They said, You will not have Elder Nathaniel and Eldress Dana but a little longer; and therefore you ought to express your thankfulness to them for the labar and pains they have taken on your account. They have suffered much for you; and have not ceased to warn all, night & day, to be faithful.

Therefore, said Mother, the few days you have the two first Ministers with you, make the most of it, as their work is almost done. Should they ever come

to see you again, let them see and sense you are where you never were before. Know this, it was not their choice to be set over you. And time and time and again, they would have been willing, on their part, to leave you, seeing your feelings were so opposed to what they administered. But that would not do: they had to warn you; and they did it faithfully. And now it is for you to render them thanks for so doing.

J. Mother said, All your gifts and visions must be in union with your Elders & Ministry; and you all may know, if they are not, that they are not in union with me and the first Elders. No visionist must set up a lead in themselves: if they do, they are gone; as all the gifts must be subject, and come as it were through the Ministry and Elders. For God is a God of order, and not of confusion. Therefore all the visionists must keep low, keep in union with the Lead appointed. Said she, every one has a work to to do, visionists and all; and unless they do that work, all is of no avail. We all wish to have our kind love given to the Ministry. We will help your Ministry, and strengthen them in the good way. You need not distrust your Ministry: they will lead you safely through. Therefore, beware, and let <u>none</u> of you

set up a Lead one side of what God has appointed; for if you do, you will surely fall.

8. Father James said he kept back the spirits from entering the dwelling house. And I saw Mother and all the Elders form themselves in a rank on the west side of our house, to keep the spirits back. Said they, we cannot step one foot into that house now.

9. They told me to have all the Elders called from the other families, tuesday morning; and have them put in a labar, to administer a prayer gift and repenting gift to the whole Society that evening, to avert, if possible, the calamity that awaited the impenitent. For said they, you cannot prosper, while this wedge of gold is hid in the midst of the tent. Omit your union meeting, till this accursed spirit is put out from you. Father James said, We will all tarry a while with you, and see how you proceed. I will watch you all closely. And if you begin the good work of cleansing the temple from all impurity, we will hold meetings with you.

10. Accordingly, tuesday in the forenoon, all the Elders through the Society were called, (in union all was done,) and the message was delivered. And in the evening, every family in the Society

assembled at half past seven; we at our place; the west family, at the south house. Half past seven was the time Father James proposed; but left it for the Elders to agree upon any time that might be considered most convenient. Directly after assembling in our meeting room, I saw Father James in the alley between the brethren and sisters. Averil Haskell also saw him, and the appearance of a lake of fire before him. He said nothing; he only viewed us. We had a precious gift of humiliation and repentance, which seemed to pervade almost the whole.‡

Instru. Jefferson White.

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‡ Note. On Monday evening, March 19th 1838, Mother and the first Elders came to the office, where the visionist was, and merely introduced themselves to him, telling their names, and stating that they had not been here personally before. They then went to the west side of the dwelling house, in front of the vast multitude; and after a while, returned to the office, and delivered their message. So said the visionist. And it appears probable that it was at the time of one of the great meetings of all the spirits in the heavenly world.

Chapter IIII.

This Chapter contains a Statement of Communications from Mother & the Elders, and from us to them, through a visionary Instrument, the first time they were seen to attend Meeting with us: it was on Wednesday Evening, March 21st 1838.

1, Introduction by the Visionist; comprising a Statement of what he first saw, and a few Words from Mother. 2, After some reciprocal Communication between Father James and the Brethren and Sisters, introducing the Visit, he instructs & warns. 3, Interview between the Brethren and Sisters, and Mother & Father William & Father Hocknel. 4, How the House must be occupied. 5, The official Station and Victory of Mother Ann. 6, Father William's Gift of Weeping. 7, Father James gives Counsel concerning the Children. 8, Mother instructs us, gives her Blessing, &c. 9, Father James addresses the Youth. 10, Further Particulars concerning the Meeting. 11, After Meeting, they deliver a short Message.

1. In the evening I saw a great meeting held in our orchard, on the very ground. There I saw Mother Ann, Father James, Father William, Father

Hocknell and some others with them, that Mother said belonged to their order, which consisted of eight spirits. I heard their names: they were not all those who came from England; for some of that number had proved unfaithful. I could not number the spirits that were gathered around them, there were so many. Mother and her company and also some of the rest, fell flat on the ground, and groaned and wept, and they also walked back and forth under the mighty power of God. Mother said it was done, to show us what we must come to. And said she, we will attend meeting with you this evening. Accordingly, in retiring time, I saw Mother Ann and each of those eight leave the meeting, one at a time, (I knew each one as they came,) and go to our Elders' rooms. When we assembled for meeting, or not long afterwards, Mother with her company came; Elder brother Daniel, Eld. sister Lydia and a number of other spirits also attended. And what a feeling I felt, together with the Elders and the rest! They did not all at first make themselves known by a visible appearance.

2. Father James first appeared, and said he had a particular regard for this Society; that he had felt much for this Society while here in the body; that he had suffered much, to establish the Gospel

in Old Enfield, and had sealed it by his death here. We made him welcome home. And he said, this is my home. We also expressed our love and thankfulness to him, for the tribulation he had endured for our sakes. And he made us welcome. He said, the pure Gospel will be kept here; and God will have a people here that will worship him in spirit and in truth. There is as it were a sword over each and every one's head in this place. Therefore let every one beware what use they make of their day and calling: for God is not to be trifled with. Many among the world are more justified than some in this Society. You may think of obtaining a full blessing, while you have such creatures amongst you. It never can be: a separation must and will take place, before you can have a complete heaven upon earth. The time will come, when God will have a people here in Enfield that are pure and holy. You are called to be holy, even as God is holy. Cleanse the temple from all impurity; do away all opposition from among you. The creature striving against his Creator: these things ought not to be. Much more has yet to be done, ere you can become completely happy.

3. Mother and Father William and Father Hocknell appeared. We expressed our love to them,

and we also espressed our thankfulness to each of them, naming each one. Mother said we ought to be very thankful that they had come to see us. She said I could now say I had seen Mother and the first Elders; and that all who were fully awakened, could sense they were with us in spirit and in truth. They said they would remain a while with us, to comfort and strengthen us on the way. Mother said, I will give Father James the preference in this place; but the rest of us must come in with him, and take a share. They passed around us, while in meeting, and gave their united love to all their children here, even the love of the whole heavenly world. They said all were centering towards Old Enfield: therefore we had, they said, the prayers of all good souls through the eternal world. Could we sense how much was felt for us, they said we would be willing to come even with the dust. She said we must come even to the floor; not in body only, but in spirit. God looks at the heart, not at the outward appearance: therefore have the heart right. And she said we were not called to injure our health by overmuch exercise; and that even a motion of the hand would be accepted, if that was all we were able to do. She said she felt

much for us; and that she would be willing to weep all night for us, provided it would enable us to come more fully into the work. For there never was such a day before. And if any pass by this day, awful, awful will be their situation. She said, With wards of love and kindness We'll draw you sweetly on, Untill you gain the conquest, And all unite in one. She said we must receive what they spoke, as from all of them. Altho Father James in a particular manner felt for us, we must consider all the first Elders also felt much for us. And she said they would administer strength & comfort to us. She said, There is comfort in sorrow & tribulation; and that we ought to feel tribulation, and keep low, low in the valley of humiliation.

4. Father James said we must not make this house a house of merchandize, but a house of prayer. Have no unnecessary noise in this house. As the very house is consecrated, therefore the people who reside in this house, must also be consecrated and given up to do the will of the Lord.

5. Mother said, All praise is due to Christ; as he first opened the way of salvation, and the Father hath given all power into his hands. I am the Bride mentioned in the Revelations; and was commissioned

to proclaim the Gospel in this last great day, the greatest day that ever was. Those who will come into this way, and travel therein, will be able to obtain full redemption. I did not lay out the way; I was only a minister. I have traveled away from all the desires of a carnal mind, and am now in perfect union with Christ.

6. Father William wept for us, and spoke & said, It seems as tho no sorrow was like mine. Mother said, The gift of weeping was bestowed on Father William more than on any other person I ever knew. But we all feel much for you.

7. Father James said, Take care of your children. I fear they will be lost. You must not be so engaged as to leave them to themselves. If you do, the evil spirits will take possession of them; and you will have to be accountable for the neglect.

8. Mother said, This day is greater than the day when I was here in the body. If any reject this call, they will never have another. There never was such a meeting held here before: you now have me and all the first Elders with you. You have begun the work in good earnest; and now it remains for you to persevere. We have given you our love, and now we will give you our blessing. We want

you to communicate our blessing to the other families. As the church must be the center to which all must gather, the members in the church must be examplary; as the other families will look to you for examples. Therefore have none in the church only those who <u>will</u> walk uprightly.

Q. Father James said, All the youth through the Society, ought to thank the Elders and older brethren and sisters, who have kept the Gospel in its purity for you. For had it not been for them, you could not now have had the Gospel, to preach to others. Therefore, every one of the younger order, that is waked up to sense their day and calling, will be willing, on their bending knees, to acknowledge their thankfulness to the good older brethren and sisters, for keeping the Gospel in its purity, to transmit to you. A few days more, and all who ever saw Mother and the first Elders while here in the body, will be taken from you; and then you will know what it is to keep the Gospel. You cannot always be carried; you will yet have to bear your own burdens, and you will likewise have to bear for others. Therefore gather love, peace & union, now while it is to day, and prepare to receive many souls: for surely many souls will be willing to

obey this Gospel. Receive them with open hearts and hands; make them welcome to the cross of Christ, welcome, welcome. — Father James also said, that what they administered to us, was in union with our Ministry; and therefore it might be considered as coming in a manner <u>through</u> our Ministry. He said we ought not to overlook our Ministry; but express our thankfulness to them for the pains they had taken to teach us, and to guide us in the way of righteousness. And Mother said we must be thankful to Christ Jesus, for opening the way of salvation, &c.

10. They administered various gifts and much counsel to us, and some that has not been particularly mentioned here. We sung some of Mother's and the first Elders' songs; and they sung with us. Sometime before the meeting was closed, our Elders requested them to take the charge of the meeting; and accordingly they did. For seeing they were so far before us in a spiritual travel, and had condescended to come and visit us, we wished to go forth in that manner of devotion that would be most agreeable to their feelings. We sung and labored in several manners, agreeable to their direction. While on our knees, we could feel like

little children in the presence of our spiritual parents. The meeting commenced at half past eight, and continued just about three hours and a half. They then said, The meeting may be dismissed. — A happy and glorious meeting it was, in which we felt greatly strengthened, comforted and blest. And it will long be held in remembrance; for the like was never before known in Enfield.

11. After meeting, Mother & the first Elders came to my room in the office, and kneeled down, and said, Let every one be faithful in the calling whereunto they are called. You ought to pray for each other. Pray for all the other families. Pray for the whole household of faith. Yea, pray that those spirits sent abroad through the land, may do the work to which they are called. Pray for all the human family. They said, many among the world are now waiting, and cannot come, as you keep them back, not being ready to receive them; having still that opposite among you. Some will bring up natural causes, to prove that the spirits from the eternal world have not been with you. Yea, such persons will be helped so to do. If any one wishes to make it out that we have not been with you, the evil spirits will help them, and they will be suffered to imitate in part. But such souls

will yet know that ~~the~~ God has begun in earnest with you; and that the spirits from the eternal world are preparing many among the world; and when they are prepared, they will come and fill the places of those who will mock & make light of the gifts of God. They arose, and told me to tell the elders to tell the people, to say but little through the day, [thursday.] Fear God, and walk softly, said Father James.

Instru. Jefferson White.

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Chapter IV.

A Statement of the gathering of heavenly Spirits, to visit Deacon Nathan Tiffany, during his last sickness; and also the Communications from them, in Substance as related and committed to writing by several of the visionary Instruments.

1, The Subject is introduced, by giving a short Sketch of his Sickness, with some attendant Circumstances. 2, Some further Account of his Sickness, and the Gathering of good Spirits to see him, &c., and their Communications. 3, A Communication from Father James to a Visionist at the Bed-side, a few minutes

before his Decease. 4, Words spoken to the Deacon by the Visionist.

1. He left the office, Nov. 15th, 1839. During the fore part of his confinement, he was able occasionally to go out; and sometimes he walked to the office, and rode out a few miles. The latter part of January he failed faster: 31st there was a perceptible change, and he was thought, by all who saw him, to be struck with death. But in the course of the day, which was Friday, he revived some, but had turns of great distress. From then till wednesday, much the same; thursday & friday his distressed turns became more frequent; saturday and sabbath his sufferings were extreme. Monday and tuesday, his agony & distress, to appearance, was not so severe: he slept some, or lay, by turns, in a kind of stupar, his mind a little wandering or lost. Wednesday morning there was some change in his appearance; yet he retained his senses, and knew those around him. He continued much so, till about 20 or 25 minutes before four oclock, P. M.; when one of the visionists went to him, and said, The spirits are waiting for you, and the chariot is now ready to receive you. He looked at her, nodded

his head, and said yea. His countenance seemed to brighten with joy. At this time the visionist said Mother Ann held her hands over him, and said, His sufferings are finished; he shall suffer no more. And soon after this, he breathed out his last breath, without a struggle or a groan, about 15 or 20 minutes before four oclock, Feb. 12th, 1840, aged 74 years and 7 months. The deacon and many other good spirits attended the funeral, on friday, and went to the grave.

2. One of the visionists wrote in substance as follows. January 31st, 1840: the night previous to this, the deacon appeared to be failing very fast; so much so, that it was not expected he would live through the day. About eight oclock in the morning I went into the room where he was. He appeared to be in the agonies of death: but the happy & comfortable feeling of spirit that he possessed, was truly astonishing. He said he could part in peace and love with all his brethren & sisters and with all mankind. When the brethren and sisters spoke to him, he would thank them for their kindness, bless them, and bid them farewell. He spoke much to the young brethren & sisters, to encourage them to perseverence & faithfulness. The children he noticed, and exhorted them to obedience.

When I went into the room, I saw many spirits there. I will name a few: Father William, Father James, Father Joseph, Father Calvin, Deacon Daniel, Garret Lawrence, Eld. brother Daniel Clark, Br. Elisphalet Comstock, Br. Amaziah Clark, and Eld. Joshua; — Mother Ann, Mother Lucy, Mother Sarah, Eld. sister Lydia, Polly Markham, Phebe Green, & Judith Haskell. At 9 oclock his sufferings were so extreme, I prayed that he might be released: I also requested the spirits to pray for him. Accordingly they did; and his pain ceased in a great measure. At this time I saw Father James put his hand upon his stomach, and heard him say that he would release him for a short season. I saw a chariot of gold color, standing by the side of the bed; it was large enough for 12 spirits to ride in it: there were four spirits then in it; viz., Father Joseph, Deacon Daniel, Mother Lucy & Polly Markham. They said they had come to take the deacon home. At 11 oclock there were 12 spirits in the chariot; and they then went a short journey, and returned about noon. The spirits kept coming & going continually; and at 3 oclock Father James said he wanted the Deacon to go home with him. I asked him why he did not take him. He said he could not, as it was not the mind of his Father for him to do so. The spirits then began to sing a new

funeral song: it was very beautiful, but solemn and affecting. They also sung three other songs that I never heard before. Between 5 and 6 o'clock I saw a small angel, that was given to the Deacon a few weeks previous, coming towards me, holding in his hand a crown of life: so he called it; but it appeared to me to be gold, as it was very bright & beautiful. This he said Father James let him have, to give to Aldera or Deacon: he said he should keep it till his spirit and body parted; then he should give it to his spirit.‡ Father Calvin & Eld. brother Daniel staid with him all night; and many spirits visited him, from time to time, and seemed to comfort and help him, all they could. Sabbath morning, Feb. 9th, Father William came with four small white horses, and attached two of them to the chariot; the other two he tied to it, and fed all of them with wheat. He said it would be several days, before he should start. The spirits were anxiously waiting for the deacon, and said they hoped he would soon be released. He continued to fail gradually, till wednesday in the afternoon; at which time the spirits began to gather around the house.

‡ Note. It was stated by one of the visionists, [Jefferson white,] that Father James received the crown from Jesus Christ, who had also sent the aforementioned angel to the deacon that afternoon in which the crown was brought to the deacon's angel, Jefferson was coming home from Hartford; and Jesus Christ came to him, having in his hand a bright crown, which he said was for the deacon.

About three oclock there did not appear to be much difference in him, that I heard of, until I saw the chariot, drawn by the little horses beforementioned, come out at the east side of the dwelling house, and proceed towards the meeting house. At this time I was a few rods from the house; but hastened into it as soon as I could, and went into the room where he had lain sick; and he had ceased to breathe. I had not heard that he was failing; neither did I know but he was as likely to live for some days to come, as he had been for some days past.

3. The following is some of the words which one of the visionists [Averil Haskell] heard Father James speak to Deacon Nathan, a short time before he left the world. Your sufferings will soon be ended; yea, they shall be ended forever, and you shall suffer no more. I am now ready to receive you into my arms; your spirit shall be at rest. You have waited patiently, and so have we; and now you shall go with me, to receive your reward. You have borne your cross faithfully, and walked in the footsteps of Jesus Christ. The angels of heaven have watched over you; and they are now waiting, to waft your spirit to the mansions of glory. My dear brother, I call you home to rest. Welcome, welcome, welcome; you shall receive a glorious reward for all your labors here. Your name is written in heaven. You shall see Christ

and Mother. You have suffered with Christ; your soul is filled with thankfulness for the Gospel. Mother said, Tell him the chariot is waiting for him, and many good spirits are in it, waiting to receive him. — Father James said to the visionist, here is a robe and crown for him; and you shall soon see him have them on.

4. The following words were spoken to the Deacon by the visionist, about 10 minutes before his departure. Deacon, you will soon be in Father James' arms; he is here, waiting to take you. Your sufferings have been great, and the spirits know it. You have borne them with patience; and you shall have your reward. I love you; I bless you; I thank you; I pray for you. Do take my love with you; do take it from us all. Do come and see me, Deacon, when I perhaps may pass through sufferings as severe as yours; and bring something to comfort me. I know I should be thankful. Do remember us, Deacon; for we shall remember you. I hope you will come and see us, when you can. You will be released before long, I know you will. The chariot is here, and has been for some time. The spirits I see are all in it, ready to receive you. — Immediately after these words were spoken, he shook, all over, just as we have often seen him in meeting,

under the operation of the power of God. He breathed about 5 minutes longer. He was then seen having on him the robe and the crown.

Instruments, Averil Haskell, Jefferson White and Daniel Wilcox.

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Chapter V.

A Communication from Jesus Christ to a visionary Instrument, Wednesday Morning, Feb 19th, 1840.

1, He brought the Love of the Ministry, &c., and recommends them for their Faithfulness. 2, He fortels the Spreading of the Gospel. 3, Those who abide faithful, will yet have very glorious Crowns.

1. He said he had come, to bring the love of our Ministry; and desired me to give the same, together with his love and blessing, to the brethren and sisters. He said he left the Ministry comfortable; yea, and they would be comforted, if they could at all times feel we were traveling the strait and narrow way. He said we ought always to follow the good counsel of our

Ministry; and in so doing, we would be in union with him. He said the Ministry had spared no pains; but at all times, when opportunity offered, they had instructed us in the way that brings salvation; and for their faithfulness they would be rewarded; yea, they would have crowns that would never fade.

2. He said we little knew what was to take place on the earth. Within a few years, said he, there will that take place on the earth, that has never before happened: that is, it will differ from any thing heretofore, and be remarkable. And many of you will live to see that day. You ought, every one of you, to be watchful, careful and prayerful, and be ready for whatever may take place. It is not for you, at this time, to know what will hereafter happen; for you would not now be as able to understand it, as you will when the time will have fully come for the gathering to commence. For many will yet come to Zion, to hear the word of the Lord. Therefore, be ready to administer the word at the time appointed.

3. He had an exceeding bright crown on his head; and it appeared like pure gold set with diamonds. He said if we were faithful, we should yet have such crowns: yea, every faithful soul will have a

crown of righteousness given them, which will forever abide.

Instru. Jefferson White.

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Chapter VII.

The following Communication from the Apostles, Peter, John & Paul, was communicated by them to a visionary Instrument, in Meeting, Saturday Evening, April 11th, 1840.

1, They were thankful to meet with us. 2, The Apostle John speaks of the Persecution & Sufferings that he and others endured; and then prophecies in Relation to the People here. 3, They exhort the Brethren and Sisters to be united to their Elders. 4, Now we have a Foretaste of the Gifts of God. 5, Saint Paul goes to Pittsfield, and returns, bringing the Love of the Ministry, &c. 6, The Order of the present twelve Apostles.

1. They expressed their thankfulness for having the privilege to attend meeting with us. They said, The same work is now taking place, as when Christ first appeared on earth.

2. The apostle John said, You little know

what I and others passed through, while on earth, for the furtherance of the Gospel of Christ. You will yet be called to pass through many trials, privations &c., for the increase of the Gospel; and then you can better sense how much I and others suffered. I will not say that any of you will be put into boiling oil, as I was: but some here will have to pass through many trials; for ere long, the Gospel will have to be preached abroad. It is not for you to know what trials and tribulations are in store for you; (suffice to say, you will have to suffer persecution;) neither is it for you now to know when the gathering will take place. It is for you now to gather strength, and receive ministration from the good spirits, to help you in time to come: for the time will come, when you will need all that has been and will be administered to you. For a while, the blessed gifts of God will increase amongst you; and it is for every one to gather now, while you have an opportunity: for the time will come, when there will not be as much ministration to you from the spiritual world.

3. The three Apostles who were in meeting, spoke as one saying, You ought to labor for peace, love & union; for your union

is your strength. We desire you to gather to your Elders: for you have not your Ministry always with you; but your Elders are with you; and they know the minds of the Ministry: therefore follow them; and if you do, you will be under a blessing, and will be united to the Ministry and to all the good spirits. Let there be no dissensions among you; no dividing between the Ministry and Elders. For the Elders, as well as the Ministry, were appointed in the gift of God; and therefore you cannot be in union with the Ministry, unless you keep your union with your Elders.

4. You now have a faretaste of what is to come: the time will come when you will have more of a fulness, more of heaven upon earth. We desire you may be united as the heart of one man; and that peace, love and union, may reign in all your borders. And that will yet take place.

5. The Apostle Paul left us a while, and went to Pittsfield, and got the love of the Ministry, and brought to us. He said, Your Ministry feel much for you, and desire there may be an increase among you. They feel that you depend too much upon <u>them</u>. It is their desire that you would improve upon the counsel given by them; and

not wait for them to come and administer to you; for you have good Elders with you; and you have also the feelings and prayers of the Ministry, that you may be progressing along the strait and narrow way. And should their lives be spared to visit you again, they hope to find you increasing in simplicity, meekness and humility. They will all visit you again; and we want you to pray that they may have health and strength to do the duty allotted to them.

6. After meeting, the twelve Apostles appeared; and they stood in the following order: 1st, Simon Peter; 2nd, James the great, who was slain with a sword; 3, John; 4, th Paul; 5, th James the less, who wrote the epistle bearing his name; 6, th Philip; 7, th Thomas; 8, th Bartholemew; 9, th Jude who was also called Lebbeus or Judas; 10, th Matthew; 11, th Andrew; 12, th Simon Zelotes. — The Apostle said that he once saw the preceding names, the names of the present 12, on the twelve foundations of the wall that enclosed the Holy City.

Instru. Jefferson White.

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Chapter VII.

A Message from Jesus Christ; spoken by him to a visionary Instrument, in Meeting, Sabbath, P. M., August 16th 1840.

1, Introduction by the Visionist. 2nd Jesus speaks concerning Eld. Nathaniel and Eldress Dana, and the Visions that had been read. 3, Of the Sorrow & Tribulation the Lord Jesus passed through, while on Earth. A Measure of the Same we must experience. 4, He prophecies concerning a Scarcity. 5, He counsels and warns. 6 & 7, He speaks of the future spreading of the Gospel; bears Witness to the Faithfulness of Some, and calls upon us to be humble.

1. Sabbath in the afternoon we had a meeting with the other families in the meeting house. In the early part of the meeting, the Lord Jesus Christ with five hundred angels and ten thousand spirits, visited us. Several visions accompanied with messages were read, which had been brought by our Ministry. Eld. Nathaniel and Eldress Dana spoke considerable, urging upon us the necessity of an increase in the good work we had begun.

2. Jesus said, You must pay attention to what Eld. Nathaniel and Eldress Dana have said to you: you must treasure up their good counsel which they have from time to time given you. For soon we shall call them home to mansions prepared for them in the heavens above. When they are taken from you, you will be more able to sense how much they have passed through for the furtherance of the gospel in this place. You must also treasure up the visions that have been read to you: for they are true, and were given, together with other visions, for your increase in the way of God.

3. Tongue cannot express the tribulation and sorrow I passed through, while here on earth. And if you are to reign with me, you must expect to pass through a share of sufferings: altho but little is required of you, in compare to what was required of me; for I came to open the way of salvation for all mankind. It is necessary that you all should pass through a measure of tribulation; but more particularly the youth, to prepare them for what is to take place.

4. You now have a fulness of every thing; for which you ought to be thankful to the Giver of

all good. The time will will come when you will have to suffer many privations; and then you will feel the need of all the gifts so bountifully bestowed on you.

5. I feel there is need of your awaking up in your feelings, and crying to God for more tribulation: yea, you ought to pray for a gift of weeping among you. I feel there is a coldness & indifference among you, regarding your souls' salvation. There is not that degree of solemnity and the fear of God, that ought to be, considering your privilege, which is great. You have read how I said, Any one putting his hand to the plow, and looking back, is unfit for the kingdom of Heaven. I now say, Let no one leave the people of God, if he has any regard for his soul's salvation; for awful, awful, will be the situation of such a soul: let no one ever think of turning back to the world from whence they came; never, never, never.

6. The work of God will go on, and be preached to all nations, whether you unite with it, yea or nay. If there were no more than five faithful souls in this Society, they would hold the ground. But I can bear witness there are many in this Society, that will speak for the truth, and are bright and shining lights to the world. But ere long, I shall call the good older faithful brethren and sisters home; and then the youth will have to fill their places.

7. There is need of your coming down into the valley of humiliation. Come down, come down; put away those self-sufficient & haughty feelings you have amongst you, or else you never can be saved.

Mother and the other spirits and the angels who were present, assented to what Jesus had spoke.

Instru. Jefferson White.

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Chapter [redacted] VIII.

A short Communication from the Prophet Jeremiah; spoken by him to a visionary Instrument, in the public Meeting, Sabbath, A. M., April 4th, 1841.

1. He views with Pleasure the People of whom he prophecied. 2, He speaks of a Time when many will come to Zion, hungering for the Gospel.

1. About 11 oclock I saw the prophet Jeremiah and also many other spirits. Jeremiah spoke as follows. I have come to visit the believers at Enfield; and I take great pleasure in viewing the people of whom I prophecied. These are the people to whom I had reference, when I stated, "Then shall the virgin

rejoice in the dance, both young men and old together." Yea, who has a better right to rejoice than true cross-bearers? None.

2. I have liberty to go through the land, and visit God's people here on earth. And altho few in number they are at this time, the time will come that many will flock to Zion; yea, they will come weeping, and desiring a privilege with you that are faithful. — Mother was present, and said, Let all be faithful; that they may be bright and shining lights to the wicked world.

Instru. Jefferson White.

Entered on Record, July 7th, 1841.

Chapter IX.

A short Communication from Elihu, Job's Counselar; delivered to a visionary Instrument, in Meeting, Sabbath Evening, April 4th, 1841.

1, Elihu exhorts us to prepare for the future trials.
2, As Job was greatly rewarded for his Patience & integrity, so it will be with all good Believers.

1. I have come to visit you. And truly I can say that God has a chosen company in this place. May you have patience, as Job of old had. You will need a great deal of patience: therefore labar for

that gift. The time will come that will try you, one and all. Be preparing for that day.

2. I was well acquainted with Job; and truly a patient man was he. Well, he verily had a good reward; and so will all of you that remain true and faithful, doing the best you can. I can love and bless such souls: yea, they will be blest by the Father of all souls. (There was a great number of spirits and angels with him.)

Instru. Jefferson White.

Entered on Record, July 9th, 1841.

Chapter X.

The following Communication from the Lord Jesus, he delivered verbally to an inspired and visionary Instrument, in Meeting, Saturday Evening, at half past 8, April 17th, 1841.

1, The Receiving of his Love and Blessing, &c. 2, He exhorts us to walk carefully and in the Fear of God. 3, Mutual Expressions of good Feelings, &c.

1. The Lord Jesus Christ with many spirits and angels visited us, bringing the love of the heavenly

world. Christ said, You may receive my love and blessing, yea, the love of the heavenly host. (We were to receive it with four motions of the hands.) He also said, You may receive the love of Mother Ann.

2. He said, O my people, do be wise. And he that is wise, will be wise for himself. Keep the solemn fear of God, and you will be protected. O could you sense the good feelings that are felt for you in the spiritual world, you would be exceeding careful, watchful and prayerful; yea, you would walk very godly in this present world. Now is the greatest day to fallen man that has ever been: therefore more carefulness is required in this day, than was ever before required. Treasure up the few words I have spoken here this evening, (for they are true,) and mark this: You will see the time that ever so little from the spiritual world, will be gladly received.

3. It is my desire that you should sing and labor a song for your good Ministry: for truly they feel much for you. — We unitedly gave him our thanks for his love and the love of the heavenly host. He made us welcome, and said he was pleased with the good feelings he felt from us here below. Said he, My love and blessing I leave with all the

true and faithful. But mark this: If there be any among you, who are not true to the cause, they will not receive any thing from me.

Instru. Jefferson White.

Entered on Record, July 7th, 1841.

Chapter XI.

A Communication from Mother and Father James to the Elders in the Church, through a visionary Instrument, in Union Meeting, Sabbath, May 16th, 1841.

1, The Coming of the Ministry. 2, The Increase of the Work of God at New Lebanon. Much is felt for this Society. 3, Father James remembers the People here, prays for them, &c. 4 & 5, A Time of severe Trial is coming; and the Young must prepare to meet it. 6, Much precious Love is given to the Elders. 7, We are not to borrow Trouble about what is to take Place. 8, The Elders give and receive Love.

1. (Says Mother,) You are anxious to have the good Ministry come and see you; but the time has not yet come for them to visit you. Be

patient a while longer; be prepared to receive them, when they come. Surely they will come; yea, and they will bring you many good & precious gifts: they are now gathering precious gifts, day by day, for their people here.

2. Remarkable it is, the great increase that is taking place at New Lebanon; a measure of which extends to other orders; and you may, when the time comes, step in, and have a share. You are not forgotten; you are held in remembrance by us; and from time to time you are administered unto, as you stand in need. How much your good Ministry do feel for you, one & all! truly they do wish & pray that you may progress in the way of well doing.

3. Father James said, of late I have not been here quite as much as I was a while since. But know this; I have not forgotten you; I often think of you in Old Enfield; yea, and many times do I pray for you, for your prosperity in the way of God. What I have said regarding this Society, will yet take place. For God will have a people here, that will worship him in spirit & in truth; and such God will own, and those only.

4. The time will come that your houses will be filled to overflowing: but that time is not yet. Trying times are coming; yea, that will try every soul. Those that are of the younger order, ought to pray that

the days of the good older brethren and sisters may be lengthened out; that they may be able to give you more counsel. You will yet see the time, that you will stand in need of all the good advice & counsel you have from time to time received from them. Treasure up every word they say, regarding the good way of God. They have had more experience than you have; therefore be willing to receive instruction from them. A while hence, and then all of Mother's first-born children will have been called home; and then trying times will come. They are to be spared; for they have nearly filled their measure of suffering for the way of God. But the younger order have as it were been carried along by the good older faithful brethren & sisters. But the time is coming, that you will have to stand alone: yea, and you may think that you not only have to bear for yourselves, but for others also. True, you will have a great burden to bear for souls who unite in this way; which is no more than your reasonable duty; seeing you have been helped through many trying scenes, by those who had more experience than you.

5. When the good older brethren & sisters are taken from you, then will come the times of which you have already had some notice: such

times as you cannot now realize. Persecution will rage: yea, already the wicked begin to show themselves. But the time will come, that some who are apparently friendly, will throw off the disguise, and come out opposed. The world loves its own; and you may and must expect trouble. It will take place. Therefore gather a substance, against the time of need: for surely the time will come, when you will willingly gather every crumb. Now gather; while there is a fulness, lay up a store.

6. Mother, Father James, Deacon Nathan, Elder sister Lydia, Molly Meacham and many other spirits and a host of angels, gave their united love to the Elders. Mother said, We feel, yea, and we do know the Elders are trying to do the best they can: they are therefore justified. From time to time they will be ministered unto, as need requires. Yea, good angels and ministering spirits are always around, keeping a watch: many times do they come, and are invisible to all here in the body.

7. Borrow no trouble on account of what is to take place a while hence; sufficient for the day is the evil thereof. Those that live to see the day which is prophecied of, will have help & strength for the day, given them. True, from time to time you are

advised, in part, of what will yet take place: yea, all that is necessary for you to know, will be told you.

8. The Elders gave Mother & Father James and all the other spirits, their thanks for the good advice & counsel which had been given them. They also gave their united love and the love of all under their care, which was received by Mother and all the rest. Mother said, I shall carry the love of the Elders to Christ. The love will be given to many, yea, very many souls in the eternal world. My love and blessing I leave with you: yea, the love & blessing of the whole heavenly world will rest upon every faithful soul.

Instru. Jefferson White.

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Chapter XII.

A Communication from the Evangelist Luke, heard by a visionary Instrument in the public Meeting, Sabbath, A. M., May 16th, 1841

1, He exhorts us to be encouraged. 2, He cites us to the saying of Mother, to gather up all, &c.; and bears Testimony to her Zeal and Faithfulness in the Gospel, and her particular Regard for us. 3, He exhorts to Perseverence.

1. St. Luke said, I am pleased to see you so

zealous for the way of God. Take courage; be valiant and bold. The work of God is on the increase in the eternal world; and it must and will increase here below. We that were on earth in Christs first appearing, take great comfort in visiting his people that are now on the earth: for the work now is the same as it was then, only it is a greater work, or more is required of souls. I shall carry an account of this good & happy meeting I have had with you, to many souls in the eternal world. Truly you have much to encourage you to be faithful in the way of well doing. The manifestations are great now in this last day.

2. Gather up all; that nothing be lost. You will need all yet. So says your ever blessed Mother: yea, truly she is a Mother to us all. How much she has suffered for the increase of the Gospel in this place! yea, I know her sufferings have been great. She has set you all a godly example to follow; therefore be willing to follow her in the strait and narrow way of self-denial and the cross.

3. I can love and bless all Mother's children; yea, they are blessed by the Father of all: Christ himself loves and blesses every faithful soul. Therefore persevere in the way of well doing.

Instru. Jefferson White.

Entered on Record, July 8th, 1841.

Chapter XIII.

A Letter from Father Calvin to the Youth & Children under 16 Years of Age; given by Inspiration, Sabbath, May 23, 1841.

1, He calls the Attention of the Young to his Words. 2, He brings to their view the Greatness of their gospel Privilege. 3, He exhorts them to consider their Privilege, and prize it; and gives them precious counsel in the most important Particulars.

1. Beloved youth and children, hear the words of a tender father, who watches over his children, and beholds the evil and the good.

2. You have a privilege to be taught the way of God while young; which many youth & children have not; which, if they had, perhaps they would make as wise a use of their privilege as you do, and perhaps better than some of you. You live in a day wherein is the greatest manifestation that ever was, from God to any people on earth; a day of which the prophets of old did speak; the millennial day; wherein Christ has made his second appearance in blessed Mother Ann, for the redemption of souls in this latter day; and the saints of God are united in one

harmonious band. And you, my beloved children, have a privilege to grow up and be matured with this blessed company. And take care what use you make of this blessed privilege. You are daily taught by those who have seen Mother & the first Elders, and received the Gospel from them. This privilege, many who believe in a future day, will desire, but cannot obtain. And daily you are administered to from the spiritual world; and some of you behold beautiful visions, and partake of angels food, and heavenly fruit of various kinds; and receive many precious gifts and presents from those who have left the body; to encourage you to bear your crosses, and yield obedience to your good faith which you have received.

3. Now reflect a moment: think how many youth and children there are in the world, growing up in sin & wickedness; some indulging themselves in pride & luxury; others have scarcely where to lay their head, and scarcely clothes to cover themselves; begging their bread from door to door, and scarcely ever heard the name of God, only in profane language: think of these poor creatures, and be wise. Remember what you are taught from day to day, and yield obedience to it. Gather up these precious gifts, which are flowing so bountifully, and treasure them up in clean vessels: dont squander them away for a little carnal pleasure, which will yield you no

lasting comfort, but leave a sting of bitterness in the end. Soon you will be called to give an account what use you have made of these precious gifts. Keep in the path of honesty and truth, (says father,) and never use deceit, to cover wrong: if you have been overcome with a fault, be honest to confess it; and pray to God for his protection. And then you will find forgiveness; and his protection and blessing will rest on you. Be faithful, my dear children, unto the end. Altho you will have some tribulation to pass through, it is through much tribulation souls enter the kingdom. But be patient in tribulation, bearing your crosses daily, striving against sin; and when you have done with time here below, you will be received and welcomed by your blessed Mother, and be rewarded for all your toils.

From Father Calvin
To the Youth and Children.
Receive this with my kind love.
Instru. Olive Stebbins.
Entered on Record, July 8th, 1841.

Chapter XIV.

The following Address or Message from Mother Lucy to the middle-aged and young People, was given to an Instrument by Inspiration, the fore Part, Wednesday, June 9th, and the latter Part, Friday, June 11th, 1841.

1, The Necessity of their possessing gospel Tribulation, and bathing in the purifying Streams of Repentance. 2, They must purge themselves from that which God does not own; that they may be able to endure the Day of Trial. 3, 4, Many of them are called to be firm, &c: the Example they are called to set before them that are younger. 5, The younger Class required to prepare for the trying Time that is to come.

1. Gospel tribulation is a gift of God, without which, no soul can ever travel out of a lost fallen nature. Dear children, it is necessary that you should get hold of a greater share of this most precious gift, in order to be established upon that immovable foundation which is laid in Zion, and that ye may become rooted and grounded in the truth. Remember to drink often of the cup of tribulation. If you

do, you will keep the fear of God wherever you are, in all you say and do; you will keep, with reverence and godly fear, the sacred and holy orders & rules which God, in his wisdom and goodness, has condescended to make known to his people. And in this way you will find protection, and escape the snares of the enemy; and you have no promise of it in any other way: for the enemy always stands ready to blind and deceive those who are stupid and careless, and to lead them astray into bye and forbidden paths. Therefore take warning, my dear children; shun every appearance of evil; come down, and walk in the low valley of humiliation, where you can find the holy streams of repentance: for ye need to bathe in its purifying waters; that ye may be in a situation to receive those precious gifts which are prepared for you.

2. You must be faithful to purge the temple from every thing that is unclean: be honest and upright before God; that ye may be able to stand in the day of trial. For surely the day is hastening on, when every one's work will be tried, of what sort it is; and nothing can stand or abide in the holy Zion of God, but that which is built upon the truth.

3. Beloved, many of you have had a long privilege in the church; and you are now called to stand as firm & unshaken pillars in the house of God, and to be burning and shining lights in his holy temple.

4. You ought to be exceeding careful what example you set before the young and those who have not had so great a privilege as you have had: for should any of you be so insensible of your calling, now in this great day, as to do or say any thing that will be the means of hurting others, you will have to be accountable for it; and you cannot get by it. Do you sense these things as you ought? I fear you do not. You who have a privilege in the church, are called to an exceeding righteousness. You must wake up, and be more watchful and careful, every one of you; or you will in no wise fulfill the requirement of God upon you: for it has been through much tribulation, watchfulness and carefulness, that the way of God has been kept by those who have gone before you; and by them it has been administered to you in its purity; and you will not be able to keep it in any other way, either for yourselves or those who come after you.

5. And the time is drawing near, when ye will be called to sound the gospel trumpet to lost souls.

Prepare, prepare, O my children, prepare for this trying time; for ye know not the day or the hour when it will come. For how important it is, that ye should keep your vessels well stored with oil, and your lamps trimmed and burning; that ye may be ready for any gift and calling that may be for you. O do be wise, and lay up a store of the precious gifts and blessings which have been so freely bestowed on you; that when this great and glorious harvest shall cease, ye may not be left destitute; but may have wherewith to feed yourselves, and others who stand in need. But those who sleep in harvest time, must surely suffer hunger. Let not this be the case with any of you my dear children.

Instru. Elsa Parsons

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Chapter XV.

The following Communication from Father James to the most faithful aged Brethren and Sisters, and Message from the Prophet Micah to all classes, was given to an inspired Instrument, Saturday, P. M., June 12, 1841.

1, Father James' Salutation and Introduction.

2, Those of the Aged who have always been true &c., are exhorted to be of good Cheer. 3, He begins to describe the State of those who seek to evade the Cross. The Prophet Micah takes the Subject, and goes on further. 4, The honest and faithful encouraged with divine Promises.

1. Dearly beloved, ye who have kept the Gospel in purity, ever since its first commencement in this place; I have a few words of comfort, to communicate to you in your declining years.

2. Yea, I say unto you, Be of good cheer; for your names are enrolled in the Lamb's book of life, never to be blotted out. You are numbered with my chosen ones who are the first fruits unto God; and you have become pillars in the temple of God, to go no more out. Yea, and it was through much tribulation and sufferings, that ye have been made able to overcome the world, and become the rightful heirs to this holy inheritance: it was not by following your own self-pleasing ways and natural inclinations; nay, an inheritance in the kingdom of heaven can never be obtained in that way. Tho some may think to try it, they will find themselves mistaken in the end: for there is but one way that leads to heaven & happiness;

and but one door whereby any soul can find an entrance into this holy way; and thas is by honestly confessing all their sins, and righting all their wrongs; denying themselves of every thing that is pleasing to the carnal mind; subduing the passions of nature; and bringing their own wills and ways into subjection to the law of Christ; to the order which God has established in Zion for salvation. And this, my beloved, you have been enabled to do, out of free choice, by virtue of your precious faith. You have devoted your strength, time and talents, to do the will of God, made known through his appointed lead on earth: and this all must do, if they would enter the kingdom of heaven.

3. And should any who have had a privilege in the Gospel, now in this great day of the manifestation of the mighty power of God, think to shun the cross, and seek to climb up some other way, they will be found theives and robbers. Yea; (saith the prophet Micah;) and when the Lord of hosts shall cause a mighty shaking in the land of Israel, they can no longer abide, but must fall off like withered branches. Therefore let no one think that they can pass on, from day to day, and disregard the holy laws of Zion; maintaining and supporting an opposite sense to

the work of God; for they will surely be overtaken by his judgments, unless they repent. For the day is at hand, when the righteous judgments of God will be sent forth into the earth; and the wicked can no longer escape.

4. But fear ye not, my beloved, saith the Lord; ye who have kept my holy laws; who have cleansed your hands and purified your hearts from every thing that is unclean, by a free and honest confession in the order of God; for ye are my chosen ones, whom I will bless and uphold in the day of trial: yea, I will remember the righteous, when I shall visit the earth and the inhabitants thereof with sore judgments; and will spare them as a man spareth his own son whom he loveth. And tho storms of tribulation and affliction may surround them, yet will I not forsake them: my eye shall watch over them for good; and none who rise up against them, shall prosper, saith the Lord.

Instru. Elsa Parsons.

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Chapter XVII.

The following Message from Father Calvin, in Relation to Keeping the Sabbath, was given to an Inspired Instrument, Thursday, June 17th 1841.

1, The Sabbath must be kept holy. 2, He cites us to the Teaching of our Ministry on the Subject. 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7, He gives particular Directions how the Day is to be kept; and exharts us to prize our Privilege of keeping the Sabbath, and to labar to improve it. 8, No one should attempt to worship God, unless they are justified in his Sight.

1. Dear children, remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. This is a Command that God gave to his people in ages past; and it never has been repealed; nor will it ever be, through time.

2. The sabbath is a day set apart for the purpose of warshiping and serving God. And you have been taught, from time to time, by your good Ministry, how, and in what manner, to keep this day; and let it be the labor of every one, to treasure up their good counsel in relation to this matter, and put it in practice.

3. You are required on this day, to lay aside

every thing of a temporal nature, as much as possible: let every one, both brethren and sisters, calculate, saturday in the afternoon, to make suitable preparation for the Sabbath. Let nothing be done on this day, except that which is absolutely necessary: there are some chores, to be sure, that must be done on the sabbath. But let no one be so deceived as to think they can be justified in taking advantages of the sabbath, to do that which may as well be done before, or omitted till another time; and think if they can do some little chores on this day, it will be clear gain; for no one can find any blessing in this way. Let each one calculate to make a thorough cleaning, on saturday, both in the house and also at the shops, wherever it is necessary; that they may have as little to do on the sabbath as possible. All things should be put in good order in and about the door yard, around the dwelling house, shops, barns &c.: no tools should be left out on the sabbath, but put up in good order in some building.

6. Brethren and sisters are required to gather into the house, as soon as they can, after the necessary chores are done; and not be spending their precious time, walking around from place to place, or loitering about in the shops, barns, orchards or

gardens: but all who have necessary chores to attend to after breakfast, should do them as quick as possible, and then gather into the house, each one to their own room. Those that work in the kitchen, are required, on saturday, to make preparation for the sabbath; and have as little cooking on that day as possible.

5. No contriving about matters of a temporal nature, is to be done on the sabbath; or preparing for journeys, except on some extraordinary occasion. Going from one family to another, on this day, to transact temporal business, is contrary to the holy orders of Zion, and cannot be practiced in justification. Dear children, the things that are here written, are not to be considered matters of little or no consequence; but they are things that must be attended to, in order for a blessing.

6. But let no one suppose, that because they are required to lay aside their temporal employment on this day, that they can be justified in indulging themselves in a stupid, careless, idle sense, by any means: nay, it is the duty of every one, on this day in particular, to devote themselves, soul and body, to labor for the things of eternal duration. And what a privilege this is! Could you

sense it as it really is, you would be exceeding thankful: you have an unmolested privilege of assembling together to worship God according to the dictates of your own faith and free choice; a privilege which the people of God in former days could not enjoy.

7. O do be wise, every one, and labar to improve it to God's acceptance. Have no empty, vain conversation; no loud boisterous talking or loud laughing among you on this day; no reading of newspapers, or books that you have been taught are not suitable to be read on the sabbath. And whoever does it, they violate the sacred order of the church, and cannot assemble with the faithful, in justification, short of an honest confession in the order of God: for he will not accept the offering of any who present themselves with any known sin covered in them, or who have knowingly transgressed his holy laws.

8. Therefore, let each one take warning, and be careful to cleanse their hands and purify their hearts from every thing that hinders their justification before God; that whenever they assemble to worship him, they may have access to his holy sanctuary of strength, and be clothed with his divine power and life, that will enable them to worship him in the beauty

of holiness, in spirit and in truth; for such only are his true worshipers.

Instru. Elsa Parsons.

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Chapter XVII.

The following Message from Father Calvin to the rising Generation, including all under fifty, was communicated to a visionary Instrument; the fore part of it, Saturday, June 19th, and the latter Part, June 25th, 1841.

1, He warns the Young of approaching Danger, and beseeches them to pray for the Gift of Repentance. 2, Those who have sinned in the House of the Lord, are directed what to do. 3, Those that are good, are also shown the Path of their Duty. 4, God's righteous Judgments will be displayed towards Sinners in Zion, and the Church will be purged. 5, He comforts and encourages.

1. Hear my words, O ye young people, for I am sent to warn you of approaching danger. I have met with you this evening; and I look upon you with tender compassion. And patiently do I

wait the day, when freedom & simplicity will be seen and felt among you. I weep, to see how careless and insensible many of you are, of the day & privilege you enjoy. Months and years have rolled away, since the voice of spirits has been sounding in your ears; and how many of you have laid up sufficient for your support in a day of famine? How many of you are willing to be tried in the furnace of affliction? How many of you have drank deep of the cup of tribulation that Mother has sent you; that you may find a further increase with the rest of her dear children? How many of you will stand unshaken in a day of trial, which surely awaits you? O my children, my dear children, do be wise. Look to your good Ministry and Elders for counsel; for to them the Lord has revealed his mind & will concerning his people. Take care, take care, how you judge the word he has given them to speak unto you my children. O do humble yourselves before God and each other, and ask of him the gift of repentance: for you surely do need it, each and every one of you. Notwithstanding the cries and entreaties of your heavenly Lead, there are some standing here, who have not, through all the revival, received but a small measure of this gift. But dear children, the door of

hope is now open before you. If you seek to get by it, the wrath of God will meet you. You shall not escape, saith the Lord.

2. Ye that have sinned in mine house, enter the door in humiliation, and confess your evil doings to God before your Elders; and cry unto him for his mercy, and seek his forgiveness with your hearts melted into tears.

3. Ye travelers in the regeneration, arm yourselves with the shield of faith; take the sword of the spirit, and open your mouths, and declare the word of the Lord boldly; for it shall be given you: his spirit shall be upon you, and you shall prophecy in his name. O ye that are young, come ye forth in the mighty power of God: break loose from every band wherewith you are bound, and prepare, prepare for the coming of the Lord. Be ye clean; be ye pure, and walk in the solemn fear of God. Look ye not back, neither to the right nar to the left; but forward, I say forward steer. Seek not your own ways & wills; but seek to know & do the will of Heaven. Ye soldiers of Christ, strip for the race, and win the prize. Put away your carnal delights, and flee from your vain recreations; for you have not a moment of time to spend in this way.

4. Thus saith the Lord your God, There shall not be left among you a hiding place for the cruel opposers of my work upon earth. I will cause my judgments to be poured out upon those that fear me not in the day of my power. The sanctuary of my people shall not be their refuge; nor the wings of my holy angels a covert, from the storms of tribulation that shall come upon the ungodly. The sinner shall not stand in the congregation of the righteous. I will sear them with the fire of truth; and they shall flee into the deserts of Har-ye-ká-lon, to drink the cup of bitterness which I will pour out upon them, saith the Lord. I will ske-shé ne-mung-de-varé; and they shall cry; they shall howl; they shall come to my windows, and I will thrust them back: for the voice of my anointed they shall not hear. In the streets of Ag-dé-lon they shall wander up and down, saying, crihemá, crihemá, my sorrow, my sorrow.

5. But my beloved children, I have not told you these things to discourage you by any means; but because I love you, and want you for my company in time and eternity, have I thus plainly spoken. You are near to my heart. You are the precious jewels of the Lord, from whom he will withhold no good thing, if you will walk in obedience to your precious faith, and reverence his holy name, where he has placed it for

your salvation. You are my hope, my joy & my delight; and I want to see you engaged in laboring for the gifts of God. O my children, put your trust in God, who is able to save you; and be not ensnared by the flatteries of the enemy. My love & blessing I leave with you, and pray for your prosperity in the ways of well doing.

Instru. Averil Haskell.

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Chapter XVIII.

The following Letter from Mother & Father James to the rising Generation in the Church, is a visible Copy of a spiritual Letter that was handed by our Ministry to an inspired Instrument, June 29th, 1841; and began to be transcribed by said Instrument, at half past 7 oclock, Friday Morning, July 16th, 1841. The original spiritual Letter together with several other spiritual Letters, were brought from the second Order at New Lebanon to our Ministry at Hancock, for the Brethren and Sisters at Enfield; and to this place they were brought by our Ministry, and handed to several of the inspires.

1, Mother's Salutation & Introduction.

2, A heart-trying Time at Hand. She exhorts the Young to be prepared for it. 3, The infinite Value of the Gift of Union: Father James styles it a golden Chain, which we must be careful never to break nor mar. 4, Mother shows the Importance of improving every Talent in serving God, and exhorts the Young to their Duty in that Respect. 5, Mother counsels them to duly consider in what Line they have received many rich Blessings. 6, How they must walk, to be the worthy Heirs, &c. 7, They are exhorted to follow their Gospel Lead. 8, They must be saving of the good things of this Life. 9 & 10, They are exhorted by Father James and Mother, to respect the faithful aged Brethren & Sisters, and be more faithful to gather an abiding Substance, while their aged guardian Protectors remain with them.

1. Dear children, (says Mother,) knowing and sensing the trying day that awaits you, in love & tender compassion to your souls I write the following words; that ye may be prepared for that which shall take place.

2. For surely a day is at hand that will try every soul: a day in which ye will be called to that heart-trying work that many of you little think of. Therefore prepare yourselves, by honestly putting away every thing which you have done that is wrong, and

gathering to your Lead, to the center of union that is placed in Zion: for unless ye do, ye cannot abide the coming of the Lord when he shall be revealed in flaming fire, to make a final end of sin, and to draw the separating line between the righteous and the wicked. The righteous, those who have kept their union to the work of God, by living a life of self-denial, and bearing a faithful cross against all evil, will be set on the right hand; while those who have slighted their day & privilege, and chose rather to sacrifice their union to the people of God, than to give up their own ways and wills, and subject themselves to the way that God has laid out, must, in the end, receive their portion with those on the left hand, unless they quickly repent, and turn to the Lord, and seek their union in the line of order which he has established in Zion for salvation.

3. Of what infinite importance is the gift of union! Dear children, you must wake up, and labor earnestly for this most precious of all gifts. Union (says Father James) is the channel through which all other gifts flow to the soul: it is the golden chain that encircles Mother's faithful children. And as long as ye keep within this golden chain,

no evil can ensnare you. Therefore be exceeding careful in all ye say and do, to keep this chain unmarred: for if ye break the chain of union, ye open a door for the enemy, who stands ready, and is watching every opportunity to get an entrance into the fold, to take captive those who are careless and off their guard. Therefore lay not down the weapons of your warfare; but keep them sharp and bright.

4. The work to which you are called, (says Mother,) is a great work; and ye must be faithful, and work while it is day, lest the night overtake you, in which you cannot work. And think not to say within yourselves, "My Lord delayeth his coming," and suffer yourselves to grow stupid and careless, and so neglect your duty; for if any do, and flatter themselves that they can get along, and spend away their precious time in the indulgence of those things which are contrary to the Gospel; the Lord of those servants will come in a day when they look not for him, and in an hour they are not aware of; and they will be called to render a strict account what use they have made of the talent which has been committed to them. Now reflect for a moment, and consider <u>what</u> must be the feeling of that servant, who, instead of improving

the talent that has been given him, has buried it in the earth, and indulged himself in idleness and sloth until his day is past. I say, what anguish of soul must come upon him at that awful moment, when the righteous Judge shall appear with all his holy angels, and shall command, saying, Take the talent from him, and give it to him that hath ten talents; and cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness! there shall be weeping, and gnashing of teeth. Awful sentence! but it will surely meet those who neglect the call of the Gospel, and continue to go on in their own self-pleasing ways; for in so doing, they can gain no union to Christ, and consequently will find no entrance into his kingdom: for they have sold their birthright for a little carnal pleasure; and must take their portion with hypocrites & unbelievers. Let this be a solemn warning to all who have a privilege in the Gospel. And you my children, to whom I have particularly written these words, be wise, and improve your time in that manner, that you will be daily adding to your talent; [that precious gift of faith, which God in his mercy has bestowed upon you;] that when the reckoning day comes, ye may render your account with joy

and not with grief; and that it may be said unto you, Well done, good and faithful servant: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.

5. Beloved children, ye are made the happy sharers of many rich blessings in things spiritual, and also in things temporal. And from whence did ye receive them? was it merely thru your own labors? Nay, verily; it was thru those who had been, for a long time, faithful servants in the vineyard of the Lord; those who, thru faith, and in obedience to the call of God to them, forsook all for Christ & the Gospel's sake; and to whom the promise of a hundred fold in this life, has been completely fulfilled. But they passed thru many trying scenes, hardships and privations, labaring hard, early and late; that beside gaining an interest for themselves, they might have wherewith to bestow upon others that were needy, and who, in sincerity of heart, come seeking for help.

6. At length, in the gracious purpose of the all-wise providence of God, ye were called to step into the vineyard. Here you have a privilege of working out your own salvation in the fear of God, as my faithful first-born children have done, who have gone before you; whom ye ought to esteem as your

parents in the Gospel; and thru whom ye received this blessed call. And ye were made welcome to share in the fruits of their labor, not only in temporal things; but ye were permitted freely to share in those spiritual and heavenly fruits, which they had gained by faithfully bearing the cross, and following Christ in the regeneration. Then how exceeding humble & low ought ye to walk, to become the rightful heirs to that sacred inheritance which was gained thru so much toil and sufferings! For know ye, that these blessings which ye so freely partake, cannot in reality be yours, only through faithfulness and obedience; neither can those precious heavenly gifts of God, which have been so abundantly showered down upon you thru the kind condescension of Heaven, be justly yours, till ye gain them by faithful cross-bearing; till ye are willing to come down, and travel in deep tribulation & mortification; that ye may be able to subdue a fallen corrupt nature, and become spiritually minded: for in no other way can ye be fully prepared to receive them. Ye must be more careful to keep the fear of God. How often have you been taught, that the gifts of God cannot be kept in a light, natural vain sense. If any such receive them, it will be like seed sown by the way side: the fowls

of the air will soon pick it away, and leave them barren & destitute as before. Therefore watch, and pray without ceasing; lest ye be led astray in some bye & forbidden path.

7. Be willing to follow your Lead in the path of true obedience and simplicity; denying yourselves of your own self-pleasing ways, which, if ye follow, can never lead you one step towards Heaven, but will surely land you in misery: therefore shun them, and cleave to your Elders, and follow their good counsel; and in this way you will merit the favor of God, upon whom ye are dependent for every blessing ye receive, in things temporal as well as spiritual: for without the blessing of God, ye could not make one spear of grass or one kernel of corn grow, if ye were to suffer for the want of it.

8. Then how important it is, that ye should be prudent, careful and saving of the good things with which ye are so abundantly blest! yea, it becomes you to be exceeding thankful, and to make a godly use of these good things; that God in mercy may continue to bestow his blessings upon you; and that ye may be blest by those who have traveled and marked the way before you, and have laid a sure foundation for you to build upon.

9. The law of God requires, (says Father James,) that ye should, in a peculiar manner, respect the

aged brethren and sisters, from ye have received strength and support, while passing thru trials & youthful temptations, during the early period of your life. Let it ever be your delight to comfort them in their declining years; that when they are called to leave this earthly tabernacle, their blessing may still rest upon you: for ye will need their love and blessing, to help you along, when you can no longer see them and converse with them in the body. Remember (says Mother Ann) the command of God to the children of Israel, which saith, "Honor thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." And if it was necessary that the children of Israel, who were but a figure of the Church of Christ, should honor their parents, in order to secure to themselves a temporal inheritance; then of what infinite importance it is, that children in the new creation should honor their parents in the Gospel, that they may secure to themselves an interest in the everlasting kingdom of Christ! Dear children, this is a debt ye owe to those who have kept the way of God for you: if ye neglect to pay this debt, ye will be unworthy of their blessing. If ye slight them, God will slight you. If ye honor them, ye will be honored of God,

and he will bless you in all your goings forth.

10. So wake up, and labor to sense your day and privilege, and be <u>more</u> faithful to improve it; that ye may gather an abiding substance, while your aged parents remain with you. And pray ye earnestly that their days may be lengthened out; for ye are not, as yet, prepared to meet the trying day. But it will shortly come, whether ye are prepared or not; and ye little know the burden that will then fall upon you; neither can ye know, but in part, until it comes, and ye can no longer obtain their counsel. Then some of you may almost feel as tho your all was gone: for they have been a staff upon which you could lean at all times; and when they are <u>gone</u>, if ye cannot sense it now, ye will <u>then</u> find these my words to be true. So I leave them, with my love and blessing, for all those who will be faithful and true to the cause.

Instru. Elsa Parsons.

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Chapter XIX.

The following Letter is a visible Copy of a spiritual Letter that was wrote or dictated by Mother Ann, and sent by her and Father James to the aged Brethren & Sisters in the Church at Enfield. It was handed with the preceding Letter to the same inspired Instrument, by whom it began to be wrote, Friday, August 6th, 1841.

1, Mother's affectionate Salutation, with a Statement of her Object in writing. 2, Concerning the Persecution that She and her Companions endured. 3, Her faithful Children have been greatly blest, while their wicked Persecutors have fell under Judgment. 4, Her first born in this Place as well as elsewhere, endured much Suffering and Hardship, to lay a foundation. 5, Her peculiar Regard for her faithful first-born Children, who will soon be called Home, to enjoy great Blessings in Eternity. 6, The Unfaithful, if there be any such, are warned to repent before it is too late. 7, She concludes with Love and Blessing.

1. My much beloved children, my faithful chosen ones in whom I am well pleased,

I felt to write you these few lines, before I close my labors here below; that ye may know I have not forgotten, but still remember you in love: yea, I have ever remembered my faithful obedient children at Old Enfield. Altho many years have rolled away, since I visited that place in the body, yet those times are still fresh in my memory. I had a goodly number of faithful children in that place, whom I dearly loved; but the greatest part of them are now in eternity: only a few are left, who received the Gospel thru my ministration, while I was upon earth.

2. Those of you who remember me, doubtless will remember how I and the little company who came with me from England, were driven from place to place by persecuting mobs, and many times shamefully & cruelly abused. And when we came to visit our children at Enfield, we were suffered to stay only a short time, being compelled by the wicked to leave the place; which was a sore trial to me as well as to them.

3. But notwithstanding the persecuting spirit of the wicked, who did all in their power to stop the progress of the pure testimony, and to injure and afflict the people of God, the Gospel did still increase; and those who received it, and went forth in obedience to its

requirements, altho they were poor, they prospered, and were blest in their basket and in their store. And tho for many years after the gathering of the church into gospel order, ye, as well as the rest of my children, had to fare very hard; yet by continuing faithful in your duty, putting your hands to work and your hearts to God, in obedience to what I had taught; ye have been blest with an abundance of good things, according as I promised: yea, by the blessing of God, and your own industry and prudence, ye have been able not only to clothe and feed yourselves, but you have extended a liberal hand to others who stood in need of help; while those wicked persecutors fell under the judgments of God; lost their property; and many of them, at last, came to an untimely end.

4. Dearly beloved, I well know the hard labor and toil in which ye were daily employed, for years, and the many sufferings, hardships and privations ye passed thru, to gain an interest for yourselves. And by your faithfulness and obedience, ye have not only gained an interest in temporal things; but ye have gained that abiding in the Gospel, that will not fail, when ye have done with the transitory things of time. Ye did not gain this pearl of great price, in a stupid,

careless, idle sense; nay, in no wise; but by watching and praying, denying yourselves and bearing a daily cross: yea, it was by passing thru deep tribulation and mortification, that ye were made able to gain this durable treasure. When ye set out to obey the Gospel of Christ, and were gathered into church relation, ye found no time to spend to please the carnal mind; neither did ye waste your time in the indulgence of sleep, after the usual hours allotted for that purpose; but at the time appointed for rising, every one was up and alive; and after attending the morning meeting, all were busily engaged in some useful employment thru the day; feeling interested, and zealous to do all in your power, to help build up the church.

5. And such of you as have continued faithful, have been blest from that day to this: yea, you have been, and still are, the objects of my peculiar care. And tho you may yet have many trying scenes to pass thru, during your stay here below; be ye not cast down nor discouraged; but labor to be patient, meek and wise; knowing your reward is certain, and that I will be with you, to help you along. And it will be (as it were) but a few days, before ye will be called home, to the beautiful mansions prepared for you; where the wicked

cease from troubling, and the weary are at rest. The time is swiftly approaching, when it will be said, Mother's first-born children are all gone. One after another is putting off the earthly tabernacle, and entering the bounds of an endless eternity; and all that have been faithful, are made welcome to join the heavenly host, and receive a crown of everlasting life and glory.

6. Now children, if there be any among you, who have not been so faithful as they ought to have been; who have not made it their labor to keep the way of God in purity, and set a godly example in all things; I say if there be any such, I warn you to speedily turn about, and mend your ways; lest ye pass by the day of God's visitation, and are left to share his righteous judgments.

7. With these lines, I leave my love and blessing with all the true and faithful.

Instru. Elsa Parsons.

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Chapter XX.

A Message from the Lord Jesus to the Elders in the Church; communicated to a visionary Instrument, in our public Meeting, Sabbath, August 22, 1841.

1, The House frequented by some bad Characters from among the World, who make Light &c. of the Worship of God. They will be overtaken by his Judgments, if they do not reform. 2, The Believers must arise in the Strength of God, and do their Duty in Defence of the sacred Cause.

1. At about 11 oclock A. M., we were visited by Christ Jesus. Says he, It is written, "My house shall be a house of prayer." But has it come to this? that it is resorted to by theives, and those who make light of my way, and mock & mock and scoff at my people? Truly this is the case; that my house is the resort of such characters almost every sabbath. Unless there is a reformation, I will send my holy angel, and will drive them from this house; yea, they shall leave this house well scourged: for the judgments of God will be sent upon such creatures.

2. Tell my people to arise in their strength, and put down all that opposes my work. Assuredly in this house there is a mighty power of God. It came from the Almighty, and will prevail. Never, never, never shall the wicked bear rule in my holy house, saith the Almighty. Therefore be strong, and quit you like men; give no place to that sense that would shrink back from what ye are called to do. Come forward, and speak for God. Fear not the world; I will be with you; yea, and the spirit from the Almighty will guide you aright.

3. Labor for the gifts and power of God. And if you do, you will receive them, and the world will stand in fear & awe, especially while in my holy house. For I will not have that that will hinder the free exercise of those gifts, while my people are assembled for the worship of God. Tho wisdom is profitable to direct; and wisdom will be given to those who are called to lead my people.

4. With these few words receive my love & blessing, yea, and the love of the Almighty and all the holy angels.

Instru. Jefferson White.

Entered on Record, August 26th, 1841.

Chapter XXII.

The following Message from Mother Ann, was received from her Hand, directly after Meeting, Sabbath Evening, March 14th, 1841, and copied thru Inspiration, on the Morning of the following Day.

1, Her Purpose in writing. 2, Concerning the late Manifestation of Gifts from the heavenly World, and the Use that has been made of them, and also concerning the Time of Trial & Tribulation that will soon come. 3, She speaks of a Time when Zion will be cleansed, and each soul appear in their true Character. 4, Those who will now in Humility seek the Mercy of God, will receive Help. 5, The faithful older Brethren and sisters may be comforted.

1. My dear children, draw near unto me; for in my mercy and love I have condescended to write this message; and now in union with the Ministry and Elders, I send it as an encouragement & warning to every one from the oldest to the youngest.

2. Now my children, every one that is called into this family, and gathered into church order, I do

warn you in the solemn fear of God, that you walk circumspect from day to day, and in the fear of God. How oft have I come into these meeting rooms, and administered the power and gifts of God; that power that will save every soul from hell, that will persevere, and cherish this holy holy power! And in words of love and kindness have I called every one; yea, I have sounded loudly unto you to come, yea, come low, and with open hearts & hands, and receive the gifts of the Spirit, that are showered down from God with a hand of love and mercy to his people here on earth. And how have you treated my kind words & some of you, with scorn and contempt. And every such soul will I meet with my rod of correction, yea, and in a strait place too. But every one that has been crying to God for something to feed their poor needy souls, I will fill them with my love & comfort; yea, they shall be adorned with that power that will save their souls from sin, so long as they continue in this low & prayerful valley. I have sent some of the choicest of my heavenly stores unto you; and see ye that ye make a good use of them. For the time is just at hand, that trials and deep tribulation will come upon every soul: yea, every soul will have to stand or

fall for themselves. So my dear children, receive my words of counsel into good and honest hearts: for the time I say is just at hand, and surely will come; it cannot pass by: You will have your cups of tribulation to drink, yea, drink to the bottom. And now, every one that is wise, will gather, yea, gather to themselves a durable treasure, that will not fail in time of famine.

3. The time will surely come, that God will cleanse his Zion on earth; and every one will have to appear just what they really are: no cloke nor cover will be large enough to hide them from God, nor even from plain view to every faithful Zion traveler, that has honestly confessed their sins, and set out, once for all, to forsake all carnal delights and pleasures for the sake of eternal life: yea, every such soul can see and divide between the precious and the vile, as plain as they can between light & darkness.

4. So my dear children, strip for the race: every one for one, now come forward I say; bow yourselves in mercy before God's throne, before it be too late. I will help every one that will help themselves: I will bow before his holy holy throne, and pray that his mercy may be lengthened out to you, until you learn to do right.

5. But those of you that are now advanced in

years, and have always labored to build up my Zion on earth, be comforted I say, be comforted: for I soon shall call you home; where you will receive a just reward for all your toils and tribulation.

Instru. Phebe Wilcox.

Entered on Record, October 19th, 1841.

Chapter XXII.

A short Communication from Mother Ann; given or dictated by her through an inspired Instrument, Friday, P. M. Sept. 24th, 1841.

1, How the Love of God has of late been manifested to us. 2, Prayer is required. 3, She describes the future State of some who are now stupid.

1. Our Heavenly Father has manifested his love to us, by sending this gift to us thru holy Mother Wisdom; that every heart may be humbled, and brought to feel the necessity to put away their wrongs, before they come to put off the earthly tabernacle. Every soul that ever wants salvation, will find that this is the way to obtain it: that is, by putting away their wrongs. The charity of God is great, to the soul that repents, and seeks his mercy.

2. O pray ye for yourselves and one another; that every soul may be a partaker in this present gift.

3. Where will those go, when they die, who are so senseless, as not to sense any thing about me or the pure ministering spirits with me in this great manifestation? They will have to wander in the regions of darkness, without God and without a hope. For none can come to the Father, unless they come to those whom he has sent to make known his mind and will unto them.

Instru. Averil Haskell.

Entered on Record, Oct. 20th, 1841.

Chapter XXIII.

A short Communication from holy Mother Wisdom to the Ministry; given to her inspired Instrument, Saturday, Sept. 25th, 1841.

1, She speaks of the Preparation that the Ministry have made for her Coming. A Blessing to be bestowed on them and the Instruments of their Chusing & Others who are worthy. 2 & 3, Concerning her Instrument and the Witnesses.

1. Dearly beloved, in whom I am well pleased,

I have looked upon the children of thy chusing, whom thou hast anointed with my holy anointing. In the wisdom of thy Heavenly Father and me your Holy Mother hast thou chosen them. I have heard thy prayers, and known thy tribulation. And I surely will be present at the time appointed, and bless thee and them with my everlasting blessing. Yea, and to all of Mother's children will I give blessings, according to their faithfulness and obedience to the requirements of their Heavenly Father, made known to them in this day, thru angels and ministering spirits, whom he has chosen, and sent upon earth for this purpose.

2. And thru the Instrument thou hast chosen and prepared to receive my word, will I speak plainly, clearly and in simplicity; and not one jot or tittle of my word shall fail.

3. Unto the two witnesses will I give power and strength. To thee my well-beloves, will I give wisdom and understanding.

Instru. Averil Haskell.

Entered on Record, Oct. 20th, 1841.

Chapter XXIV.

The following Message from Mother Ann, was given to an Instrument by Inspiration, Saturday, P. M., Sept. 25th, 1841.

1, She counsels her Children how to prepare for the Coming of holy Mother Wisdom. 2, She condescends to speak once more in Regard to Confession. 3, She invites Attention to her finishing Call. 4. She solemnly calls upon those who have slighted the kind Manifestations from Heaven, to repent quickly.

1. In these days of tribulation let no loud talking or laughing be heard among you. Your dwellings are guarded by angels; that the inhabitants thereof may have a peaceful abode. Let no idle words proceed from your lips: for those already spoken must be brought into judgment. The day is hastening on, when every one's works will be tried, of what sort they are. Gird up the loins of your minds, and be strong; having your feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace. Labor to be meek and humble: bow your hearts unto God, and in low humiliation seek his favor. Draw near to your Holy

Mother; and she will draw near to you, and bless you with that blessing you have earned by faithful obedience to the call of God which has been to you. Turn your sense from earthly things, and labar to be prepared for the coming of holy Mother Wisdom. Give yourselves up, soul & body, as willing subjects and obedient children to the gift she has sent you; and it will be your everlasting gain thru time & eternity. My much loved children, remember to keep the fear of God, as I have often taught you heretofore.

2. Dear children, I shall soon leave you. I have not flattered you with lies, neither will I now: but the simple truth will I once more speak unto you. There cannot any one of you meet your Heavenly Father & Holy Mother in peace, neither can I own any one with sin or wrong wilfully concealed from the witnesses of truth, who are placed as mediators between God and man, and before whom you are called to acknowledge your faults by an honest confession.

3. Often, often have I called; and now do I call again: yet once more do I warn you to prepare for the coming of your Holy Holy Mother. Hearken, my children; hear ye this my last & finishing call.

4. To such as have slighted the kind invitations and solemn warnings which the Heavenly Father in his mercy has repeatedly given thru his ministering spirits; I say repent, repent before you again close your eyes in sleep, or you will be left to feel the horrors of a guilty conscience. And tho you should call and call & call, I cannot hear; for my labors on earth are drawing to a close, and will soon be finished. Yet once, once more do I sound, yea, loudly do I sound my trumpet; that the ears of the deaf may hear, and their souls may awake to righteousness.

Instru. Averil Haskell.

Entered on Record, October 20th, 1841.

Chapter XXV.

Communications from Jesus Christ, Mother Ann, Father James & Father Calvin; audibly spoken by them to a visionary Instrument, at the Close of the Visitation of holy Mother Wisdom to the Brethren & Sisters who had assembled in the Meeting-room, Sabbath, Sept. 26th, 1841.

1, Introduction by the Recorder. 2, The Savior bears Witness for Holy Wisdom. His

Exhortation, Love and Blessing. 3, Mother Ann bears Witness &c. 4, Father James instructs, prophecies &c. 5, Father Calvin expresses his Thankfulness, Love and Blessing.

1. At 1 oclock P. M., all of the family that were able to attend meeting, exclusive of those under eighteen years of age, assembled, together with the Ministry; and after some speaking, such as the occasion seemed to require, Holy Mother Wisdom, thru her Instrument of communication, delivered a message, firstly to all, and then to each, of the brethren and sisters, naming or pointing out each person whom she addressed. The meeting continued four hours & three quarters. There were present, said the visionist, Jesus Christ, Mother Ann, Father William, Father James, Father Hocknell, Father Joseph, Father Calvin, Mother Lucy, Mother Sarah, and a host of bright angels, also many spirits not here named, even a great company. The solemnity of the scene was indescribable. Tears of sorrow, of humility, thankfulness & love, flowed freely. Such a manifestation from Heaven was never before known in this Society. For each person was called up,

as it were to the bar of judgment, and addressed from the throne of the Eternal, independent of any messenger, except the Instrument in the earthly tabernacle. It will long be remembered with feelings of gratitude and adoration to the merciful and all-wise Eternal Two in One. The meeting for the youth & children was held in the evening; and the scene was truly affecting. And all the brethren and sisters and youth and children that had been faithful to prepare themselves, received the mark of God's name [the mark of some attribute or virtue pertaining to the Divine character] and a blessing. And none were to be excluded from participating in the same, if they would amend their lives, and seek the mercy of God in the order of his appointment, while the door was open for them. We expressed our thanks to Holy Mother for this precious gift; and she made us welcome, welcome.

2. At the close of Mother Wisdom's visitation to the brethren and sisters, our blessed Savior Jesus Christ said, The words that have been spoken by Mother Wisdom, are words of truth, and will stand. Thankful thankful each and every one ought to be, to God the Father, for his condescension

in causing Mother Wisdom to come, and warn and counsel his people. Never, never was there such a day before for the people in this place. Lay hold of this work in good earnest; be Wisdom's children. Let what has passed, cause you to melt into tears. Be holy; and in so doing, you will meet the approbation of your Mother Wisdom, and me your Father in the new creation, also Mother Ann and all the heavenly host. My love & blessing I leave with all the faithful.

3. Mother Ann bore witness to all that had been spoken. And she said, O do, do be faithful. Many trials you will have to pass thru; but if you remain faithful, you will receive strength to bear up under all that will come upon you. My love and blessing I leave with you.

4. Father James said, Now is taking place what I long since promised you: that God would have a people in Old Enfield, that would worship him in spirit and in truth. O do persevere. I will be with you, to comfort & strengthen you. Strait, strait is the work, and straiter it is growing. The time will come, that God's people in this place will be called to walk with

exceeding carefulness; much more so than has ever been required of the rising generation. Then, and not till then, will the youth know what Mother and those with her had to suffer: yea, then they will sense how much blessed Mother Ann has passed thru, for the furtherance of the Gospel in this place. I love and bless every faithful soul.

5. Father Calvin said, Thankful, thankful I am, that Holy Holy Mother Wisdom has seen fit to visit her people here in Enfield, in the life time of Elder Nathaniel and Eldress Dana. Altho it has brought much trouble and anxiety upon them, it is a great source of comfort to them, to see the good work advancing: yea, and it will advance, until every thing that is wrong is fully done away from among you. Give my everlasting love & blessing to them, yea, to all the Ministry. Tell them they are worthy of a double portion of love, yea, and blessing.

6. All the spirits and angels unitedly desired their love and blessing to be given to the beloved Ministry, yea, and to all the Zion travelers here.

Instru. Jefferson White.
Entered on Record, October 21st, 1841.

Chapter XXVII.

A Communication from Holy Mother Wisdom to Eldress Dana; given to an Instrument by Inspiration, Wednesday, Sept. 29th, 1841.

1, The Gift that is to be bestowed on the Instrument, and its Effect on the Hearers. 2, The Mercy of God to Believers, thru the Intercession of the Two Anointed Ones. 3, The Increase of the Work of God on earth.

1. Beloved Eldress Dana, according to thy request, I will give unto the Instrument thou has chosen, given up and sacrificed to perform my will, a suitable & right gift for the brethren and sisters in the north and east families. Thru the Instrument will I speak boldly and forcibly. And they shall hear the words of thy holy Mother Wisdom, with thankfulness and with sorrowful hearts.

2. Surely the time has come for Zion to be purged from her unclean and foul deceivers. The mercy and grace of God is great to believers. Had it not been for the intercession of my beloved Son Jesus Christ and my beloved Daughter Mother Ann,

in their behalf, many would have been swept off in the deluge of sin, and their souls launched into the abyss of misery. Glory and praise is due from each and every one of their children: from the greatest even to to the least, praise shall be sounded.

3. The heavens rejoice, to see the work of God increasing on earth. The mouths of soothsayers, gainsayer and hypocrites, shall be stopped forever, saith the Eternal Father and me your Eternal holy holy Mother Wisdom.

Written by my Hand,
Holy Mother Wisdom.
Instru. Averil Haskell.
Entered on Record, October 21st, 1841.

Chapter XXVII.

A Communication from Mother Ann; a Part of which, was given by her to an inspired Instrument, Friday, August 27th, and the Remainder, Thursday, October 21st, 1841.

1, Mother counsels & encourages her Children, in Consideration of the Afflictions they have to endure from those who have left the Way of God. And she

pathetically describes their fearful End. 2, She addresses the Youth in particular; counsels them to take Warning, and improve their Time wisely.

1. My dearly beloved children, ye who have traveled in the strait and narrow way of self-denial and the cross, and have been careful to walk in obedience to the counsel of your Lead; be ye not cast down nor discouraged because of evil doers; [those who have gone out from among you, and who are trying to do all in their power to afflict the people of God in this place.] Their measure is fast filling up; and they will surely be overtaken by the judgments of God, and they cannot escape. So be ye of good cheer, my beloved; be wise, and endure to the end: let nothing turn you aside from the path of true righteousness; but persevere in the way of well doing; and you shall in no wise lose your reward: nay, verily; but when you have faithfully finished your labors here below, and are called to leave this earthly tabernacle, ye will find a blessed home in the heavens of glory; where the wicked cease from troubling, and where the weary are at rest: yea, a glorious mansion is prepared for you; a mansion

where the wicked cannot enter: nay, the cruel persecutors of the people of God, can never reach this peaceful abode: tho like the rich man they may be permitted to behold the righteous afar off; and tho in their distress & torment they may be willing and thankful to beg the least favor of them, even one drop of water; alas! they cannot obtain it: for verily between them and the righteous there will be a great gulf fixed, which they cannot pass; and tho they cry for mercy, the Lord will turn a deaf ear to their cry: for when they had a privilege in the Gospel, they would not improve it; but slighted the calls and invitations of mercy, and turned their backs upon the way of God: they have done despite to the spirit of grace, until there is no space of repentance left for them. Awful, awful will be the situation of such souls: tongue cannot express nor pen describe the anguish and horror they will feel, when they are waked up to sense their situation, and know no way of escape: but they must suffer & suffer, and no one to help them: for they will then have to bear the judgment of their own doings.

2. O ye youth and young people, let this be a solemn warning to each & every one of you, to be faithful, and wisely improve the short space which

is allotted you here in this world; and in obedience to the call of God, work out your own salvation with fearing and with trembling. And all that do this, will be able to thank God in the day of eternity, that they have kept this way: yea, they will be thankful for every cross they have taken up; yea, thankful that they have been accounted worthy to pass thru trials and sufferings for Christ and the Gospel's sake: for those who bear their crosses cheerfully without murmuring, will be exceeding bright and glorious; yea, their crowns will be set with diamonds and precious stones, and will shine far brighter than the sun: yea, blessings without number the faithful soul will find, when they have done with the transitory things of time. So take courage, dear children, and press on in this cross-bearing way, and let no one take your crown.

Instru. Elsa Parsons.

Entered on Record, Dec. 8th, 1841.

Chapter XXVIII.

Communications from Mother Ann to the Ministry, Elders, Brethren & Sisters, in taking her Leave of the Family; delivered to us on the Occasion, thru an inspired and visionary Instrument, in Meeting, Thursday Evening, Oct. 21st, 1841.

1, 2 & 3, The Subject introduced by a Discourse from Eld. Nathaniel and also a few Words from Eldress Dana, &c., including some Questions to the Visionists. 4, Mother's Address to the Ministry; 5, to the Elders; 6, to the Brethren and Sisters. 7, The Ministry receive some Presents from Mother. 8, 9, 10 & 11, She also gives some Presents to the Brethren and Sisters, (including the Elders,) accompanied with precious Words of Counsel and encouraging Promises, &c. 12, She again addresses the Ministry. 13, Her Present to each of the Elders; 14, to each of the aged Brethren & Sisters; 15, to each of the younger, with Counsel and Instruction. 16, Her Promise and comforting Gift to the Ministry. 17, She bids the family, Farewell.

1. We assembled in meeting at 8 oclock.

Our Ministry were present; it being the evening on which blessed Mother Ann was to take her farewell of this family. After singing a short anthem, Elder Nathaniel stated that we had come together on a very solemn occasion. He spoke for some time, and in a very clear manner, in relation to the peculiar and wonderful manifestations of God to his people in past ages and also at the present time.

2. Eldress Dana spoke, stating that we had been warned for some time, that Mother would not long continue to visit us in the manner she had done; and that we had been exhorted to gather in time of plenty; that we may have wherewith to subsist upon, when there would not be so much of a fulness. After speaking a while on this subject, she requested Br. Rufsel to read the farewell address to Mother Ann, (given in behalf of the Elders, Brethren and sisters,) and accordingly it was read; after which, we all kneeled down.

3. We arose from our knees, sung a farewell song to blessed Mother Ann, and all bowed low in thankfulness. Elder Nathaniel then spoke to one of the visionists, saying, Where does Father Calvin stand? He replied, He stands before [illegible]

Eld. Nathaniel. He then said to another visionist or inspired one, Where does Mother Sarah stand? She replied, She stands by the side of blessed Mother Ann, who takes hold of her hand. She now takes hold of Eldress Dana's hands. Eldress Dana then spoke to the inspired one, and said, Does she accept of our thanks? These words she repeated two or three times. The inspired, after pausing a moment, said, Surely she does. The inspired ones and visionists were then requested to speak freely, if Mother should have any thing to communicate. Mother then spoke in substance as follows.

4. Beloved Ministry, thou knowest that I love thee, thou knowest that I love thee. Thou knowest thou art blest; thou knowest that my love and blessing will rest on thee now and forever.

5. Beloved Elders, I have not forgotten my faithful children in Old Enfield. Thou knowest thou hast received many precious gifts & blessings from my hand, which thou hast received in thankfulness: yea, thou hast thanked me, many times, on thy knees. Beloved Elders, I heartily thank each of you, for the help you have been to me, in administering the word

which I have given you; that word which I received from my holy Eternal Parents. I thank the faithful brethren and sisters for receiving the precious gifts & presents which I have often brought to you.

6. Brethren and sisters, I shall not take away from you the good which you have gained since I have been with you; nay, in no wise. O may you still continue to increase, and be daily adding to that treasure which you have already gained. I heartily thank you for the many kindnesses I have received since I have been with you. I also thank the Elders, Brethren and Sisters, for the loving, beautiful and comforting farewell address, and the little song, and for the pure love I received from you, when you bowed. The inspired and visionary Instrument said, She is presenting it to her Heavenly Parents; that they may see the fruit of her labars in this place.

7. Again the Instrument said, Mother has a large cup of wine for Elder Nathaniel, which she gives to him: it is in his right hand. She also has a cup for Eldress Dana, which she places in her right hand. Br. Grove is to drink out of Eld. Nathaniel's cup, and sister Dana from Eldress Dana's cup.

8. She takes the cord, the silken cord, from

Eldress Dana's box. She is unrolling the cord, and winding it around the brethren & sisters: the angels are helping her.

9. There are some white cups in the box, for the brethren and sisters, said the inspired visionist. On hearing this, Eldress Dana soon began to take them out, saying, All who want a cup, may receive one by holding out their right hand. The cups were immediately seen in a large circle, strung on a golden chain, which united them all together. The cups were filled with love and a Christ-like spirit. And there was written on them, these words: A farewell Present from your Mother Ann. Keep this Cup, and with it keep the fear of God. After we had received our cups, we all kneeled down. While on our knees, Mother spoke the following words thru the inspired. Keep, keep, keep the fear of God. These were forcibly repeated, several times. The brethren & sisters then spoke as with one voice, I will. Mother Ann said, Keep this promise, and I will never forget you. If any forget this promise, I shall forget them, and God will forget them. After this, (said she,) after this, if you break this promise, you will see and feel that for which you are not looking.

10. The eye of God is upon us, yea, the all-seeing

eye of God is upon us; and he beholds the sinner who stands in the congregation of the righteous. But be comforted, my dear children, be comforted: receive ye my comfort, love, joy. Be ye joyful, for I shall not forget you; I shall remember you, and send you many precious gifts. Kind guardian spirits I leave with you, to help you along. The work of God is increasing, and will continue to increase, till every evil thing is purged out of the camp.

11. Eldress Dana said, There is a burning lamp for each of the brethren and sisters, which they may receive by holding out their hands. This lamp, she said, will enable you to discern good & evil, and to see when the enemy is approaching. It will also show, said Mother to the brethren and sisters, that you are called to be burning & shining lights to the world of mankind, who are lost in sin, and know not the Gospel. Again, (said Mother,) you must be careful to obey the counsel of your good Ministry and Elders: for thru them shall I in future speak to you. I will give them wisdom and understanding, and direct them how to speak.

12. I thank Elder Nathaniel for the pure testimony he has borne here this evening as

well as at other times. He is my anointed; he has sounded the word of the Lord boldly, many times, in this room. Br. Grove is a peacemaker in the vineyard of Christ. Eldress Dana is a chosen vessel unto the Lord: she loves a Christ-like spirit. Sister Dana is my faithful helper with Eldress Dana. I give my love to Eldress Dana, to keep; and thou mayest give it freely at any time, to as many and to all, as far as you feel.

13. To each of the Elders, said the Instrument, she gives a beautiful branch from the blooming tree of life: they are holding it in their right hand: and with this branch she gives her holy undefiled love.

14. To each of the aged brethren and sisters, her faithful first-born children, all who are called the older part of the family; she gives a beautiful white lily, and with it her never failing love; that love (she says) which has carried you safely thru all trials and tribulation. This love will strengthen and support you, till you are called home, to rest with your Mother.

15. To each of the young brethren and sisters, she gives a beautiful white rose, an emblem of simplicity; and with it, her love, pure, heavenly love. Keep this love, and labor to increase in the gifts of God. You will have to pass thru sufferings and

tribulation, as those have, that have gone before you. But be faithful and obedient; and you will be led safely thru. Furthermore, the Instrument said, she thanks all who have spoken and written for her.

16. Again she says, according to promise, I will be with the Ministry; I will accompany them on their journey; I will not fail to be with them in their trying scenes, and to comfort and help them thru their tribulation, as I have done. Receive ye my love, my blessing, my strength, my union; my peace I leave with you.

17. She now bids the Elders, Brethren and sisters, a loving, a loving, a blessed farewell, farewell, farewell, farewell, farewell.

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Instru. Averil Haskell.

Entered on Record, January 6th, 1842.

Note. Some time in the meeting, she sent her love in a very feeling manner, by our Ministry, to the Ministry at New Lebanon.

Chapter XXIX.

A Letter from Mother Lucy to the Elders in the Church; given to an Instrument by Inspiration, Thursday Evening, Dec. 30th, 1841.

1, She wishes to console the Elders, in Regard to the Prospect of Afflictions from without. 2, She reminds them of their Duty as Watchmen. 3, God's providential Care for his People here, will be exercised for their Deliverance, if they will be careful to subdue the Enemy within. 4, The Brethren & Sisters counseled in Respect to their Conversation. 5, All must be watchful &c., to be protected. 6, She concludes, in giving her Love, and stating her Object in writing.

1. Beloved Elders, I have something to communicate to you at this time, which I hope will be a comfort to you in trying scenes, thru which you may be called to pass: for truly it does appear, that heavy trials await you, thru the cruel designs of the wicked, and will overtake you, unless the overruling hand of God is extended in your behalf. But pray earnestly that this may be the case.

2. O be ye wise and prudent, and guard

and watch over the little flock that is placed under your care. You are set as watchmen upon the wall of Zion, to keep out the enemy of souls. Be ye therefore faithful and true to your trust, and let no one be lost, thru your neglect. For in truth the devil has come down, having great wrath, knowing that he hath but a short time; and those who have turned traitors to the way of God, have become his agents, to afflict the people of God; and will do all in their power to overthrow the work of God, and trample it under their feet. Therefore, warn all to be watchful & prayerful, and keep the fear of God wherever they are, in all they say and do, according as they have been taught by the good Ministry, from time to time.

3. Every one must keep the way of God for themselves: yea, you are called up to the battle of the Lord against a mighty foe both within & without. But all who are faithful to do their own work, and strictly follow the counsel of their Lead, will be able to stand against their enemies, and will come off victorious in the end: for God is able, and will protect his chosen people: and no weapon which the wicked can form against Zion, will prosper; but in the end it will

be turned to their own destruction; and the means by which they have designed to overthrow the work of God, will eventually prove for the increase of the Gospel. But you must be willing to wait Gods time, and not be over anxious about how the wicked shall be punished, and so neglect to fight the enemy within; for this is the all important work for every one to be engaged in. Greater is he that governeth his own spirit, than he that taketh a city. Therefore, beloved Elders, exhort every one to be faithful in this work. Each one must do it for themselves, or it never will be done.

4. No one should suffer their mind and feelings to be too much taken up about those things which are without, and which do not immediately concern them. But this seems to be, many times, too much the case; and there is no blessing gained in this way; but on the contrary, it brings darkness and loss upon the soul. O when will my people learn to be wise, and fear God in this respect? when will they learn to bridle their tongues, and leave all vain, foolish & idle conversation behind? Line upon line, warning upon warning, have been given; but for want of the true fear of God, they have not been regarded by many as the ought to have been.

And now I desire that every one, as they enter upon a new year, would resolve, for the future, to be more watchful over themselves in this respect: for the way has become so strait, that no one who has a privilege in the church can be justified in indulging themselves in this way.

5. Therefore, I warn all to watch & pray, lest they be drawn aside from the strait path, and be left to fall a prey to the enemy, who is lying in wait, to draw souls into his snare: yea, prowling wolves are trying every means that they can invent, to make their way into the fold, in hopes of scattering the flock. So it stands every one in hand, to be wide awake and alive in their duty, leaving no room for the enemy to creep in: but with lamp trimmed and burning, and sword in hand, be ye valiant soldiers for the cause of truth: yea, fight the good fight of faith; stand firm & unshaken thru trials and tribulation; for these ye cannot escape. But all who are careful to attend to good order, and to keep the holy laws of Zion, will surely be protected: and tho the wicked may be suffered to persecute & afflict them for a season, yet they cannot destroy that comfort & peace which is gained by self-denial and faithful cross-bearing. So be encouraged, every one, to press forward

in the way of God. Continue faithful unto the end; and a never fading crown of eternal life and glory, will be your reward.

6. Now beloved Elders, I want you to receive, with these lines, my unfeigned love & blessing. What is herein contained, was not written for you altogether, but out of love and tender regard for all under your care, and to whom also I wish my love and blessing to be communicated. So fare ye well in love.

From your true friend, Mother Lucy.
Instru. Elsa Parsons.
Entered on Record, Jan. 7th, 1842.

Chapter XXX.

A Message from Mother Sarah; communicated by her to a visionary Instrument, Thursday, Jan. 27th, 1842, and addressed particularly to the younger class. The spiritual Paper, containing what she read to the Instrument, was brought from Pittsfield to this place by the Ministry.

1, The Increase of straitness in the Path of Self-denial. 2 & 3, She gives needful Instruction & Counsel and encouraging Promises. 4, The State of the Wicked

and also of the Righteous at a future Period. 5, She calls upon the Young to think of the Sufferings endured by the first Ministers of the Gospel; and then cites them to a Time of Trial and a Work of Judgment among the Children of Zion.

1. Dearly beloved children, the most part of you were called by the Gospel in younger days, and have had a long privilege of traveling in the path of self-denial and the cross, which was plainly marked out by blessed Mother Ann. This path has been growing straiter and straiter, till it has become so strait that no soul can step aside, who is awakened to sense the requirement of the day in which they live, without feeling a weight of tribulation, and the necessity of an honest confession.

2. Dear children, you are called to strip yourselves of every thing which tends to bind the soul, or hinder your progress in the work of purification. Mother is calling for free volunteers. Hear ye her call. Equip yourselves with gospel armor; and as valiant soldiers in the cause of truth, be willing to bear crosses, endure trials and suffer privations for the increase of the Gospel in your own souls; and that you may be

helps to others, who will look to you for a perfect example. Be careful, dear children, about judging the gifts that are for you; for they are from the Father of mercies, who knoweth what you need. Think not of pleasing yourselves in this day; but strive, with your whole soul, to feel devoted and wholly given up, to do the will of Him who hath called you by his grace to the everlasting Gospel of salvation; and to whom you must be accountable for the precious gifts you receive, thru the intercession of your ever blessed Mother and others with her, who still feel for their children on earth. Be willing to suffer for the increase of the Gospel, even to the laying down of your lives; that you may be joined to your spiritual parents, who are made perfect thru sufferings, and be worthy to dwell with them in the mansions of glory.

3. Fear not, dear children, tho you should have to pass thru the furnace of Zion; that your faith may be tried, and your souls purified from the last and least remains of dross. Put your trust in the Lead that is placed in Zion; and you shall not be injured; neither shall any thing be consumed but that which your Parents in heaven cannot own.

Obey their counsel; for they are fully able to protect and guide you thru dangers, and to administer comfort in times of tribulation. And tho you should be stript of all that is pleasing to the natural mind, you shall not be deprived of any thing but that which shuts the blessing of God from your souls.

4. Verily the day of the Lord has come; and his people hearken to his counsels. The time of his righteous judgments upon the ungodly, draweth nigh. The sword of violence shall yet be sheathed, and the inhabitants of Creanna shall learn war no more. Then shall the cruel hand of the oppressor be cut off from troubling you; and you shall dwell in the arbor of peace, in the sanctuary of your God. The willing and the obedient he now feedeth with the bread of humiliation, and giveth them to drink the water of repentance; while the rebelious and disobedient are left to feed on deadly poison, and to drink the bitter cup of woe, woe, woe.

5. Dear children, think, O think on the sufferings of your Lord and Savior and of his holy Apostles. Think seriously on the sufferings, hardships, dangers & fatigues of your blessed Mother

Ann, and those witnesses with her, who were helpers in planting the Gospel, and laying a permanent foundation for their followers. Behold the day cometh, when the works that are built thereon will be tried, of what sort they are. Every secret thing will be brought into judgment; and truth & righteousness will reign in the hearts of the children of God.

Instru. Averil Haskell.

Entered on Record, Feb. 7th 1842.

Chapter XXXII.

Father James' Prayer, which an inspired visionary Instrument heard him repeat at Intervals, between 2 & 3 oclock P. M., Feb. 27th 1842: written the same Day.

1, He prays for the Protection of the People from their outward Enemies. 2, Their prayerful and thankful Feelings. 3, The Father's kind Attention to the Cries & Needs of his Children. 4, Father James prays to God and the Eternal Mother, to draw near and help them.

1. O thou holy and righteous Father; wilt

thou, in thy mercy never ending, hear this day the petition of thy innocent children? The tear of affliction wilt thou wipe away; their griefs assuage, and cause the flood of evil to abate. The foaming billows of envy wilt thou calm; make desolate the cottages of Elon; and crush the designs of those vile offenders who seek to harm thy chosen people. In their dark paths of mischief may thy judgments await them; that thy children may dwell together in peace, and offer their devotions in safety around thy throne of grace. Nevertheless, O Lord, according to thy righteous will let it be.

2. O hear thy children. They groan for deliverance; their souls in tribulation cry to thee, O Heavenly Father; they cry, poor & needy. With grateful hearts for the many blessings thou hast already showered in abundance upon them, they adore thy power; they crave thy love; they seek thy mercy, and entreat thy favor, O Lord, now and forever. In anthems of prayer their voices echo thy praise. They confide in thy gracious promises; they trust in thy saving power.

3. O merciful Father, thou art their strength, their defense, and sure Protector. Thine arm

is around them, and thine eye continually upon them. Yea, thou art ever nigh, with an ear listening to the supplications of thy children. In humble resignation to thy holy will, they bow before thee, and seek thy protection. In humiliation they kneel in thy presence, and implore thy assistance.

4. O thou Holy and Just One, wilt thou, in thy boundless charity and love, condescend to help thy suffering children in this place. O teach them thy holy fear; and thru thy anointed & chosen give them lessons of instruction. O Holy holy Father, O help, O feed our souls, each day,

With heavenly blessings on our way:
This pray'r thy children truly pray,
O holy Holy Father.
O holy Holy Mother,
When low to thee thy children kneel,
Thy pow'r and goodness may they feel;
And hidden things wilt thou reveal,
O holy Holy Mother.

Instru. Averil Haskell.

Entered on Record, June 1st, 1842.

Chapter XXXIII.

A few Words from Father Calvin; communicated thru an inspired Instrument in the Elder Sisters' Room, Sabbath, P. M., March 27th, 1842.

1, He describes the future Punishment of Some who have left the Way of Salvation. 2, God's providential Care.

1. He spoke in substance as follows. I often meet with you, and look upon you in love; knowing that the time is short, when we shall meet, to part no more; where the wicked cease from troubling, and where your weary souls will be no longer burdened with them: where the weapons they have formed, will fall upon their own heads; and they will mourn, mourn and lament that they were ever born. And when they shall behold the people of God in the heavens of heavens, praising God, they will gnash their teeth, and mourn and lament their mispent time; and the days & days they have spent in persecuting the people of God, will be like weights of heavy metal upon their guilty consciences, and none can help them; none, save their God, can

help them. You will see the time that you can freely freely forgive them; but this cannot help them nor ease their torment: no one but their God can deliver them.

2. Dear children, (said he,) be not discouraged nor cast down; for God has promised, and will protect his chosen people.

Instru. Phebe Wilcox.

Entered on Record, April 12th, 1842

Chapter XXXIII.

A few Words from the Lord Jesus; spoken to an inspired and visionary Instrument, in Meeting, Sabbath, P. M., April 3, 1842.

1, Introduction by the Instrument. 2, Jesus expresses the Object of his Visit. 3, He speaks for the Encouragement of his little Ones, and gives them solemn Advice & Instruction.

1. In the latter part of the meeting, which was held in the meetinghouse, Christ our beloved Savior came, encircled with angels. He addressed the brethren & sisters as follows.

2. O my little ones, ye who are the children

of your heavenly Parents, fear not, fear not; for truly I am with you. I have come to bring the balm of consolation; I have come to bring peace; I have come to bring comfort; and I have come to bring the love of your Heavenly Father: this the faithful shall receive. I have come to bring a vial of wrath; and upon the unfaithful I will pour forth the reward of their labors, until they feel the judgments of their God.

3. Do not be discouraged nor cast down; but put your trust in God: for with him all things are possible. Follow your appointed lead in all things. Be wise, be careful in all you say, and especially before the world of mankind. Labor to have love one towards another; for by this shall ye be known. Give no occasion for the enemy to throw in his poisonous darts. When the wicked who have left the way of salvation, are lurking about you, trying to contrive some way to afflict the faithful; then if in low humiliation you implore your Heavenly Father & beloved Parents to draw nigh unto you, they will in no wise be deaf to your prayers; they will extend unto you peace & quietness. Yea, dear children, remember the promise that your Heavenly Father

has given in his holy laws. He has promised to protect his chosen in the hollow of his hand. I leave, with all the faithful, my love and blessing.

Instru. Phebe Wilcox.

Entered on Record, April 22nd, 1842.

Chapter XXXIV.

A Message from Mother Sarah; addressed to the older Part of the Family, particularly to those who remember her; given to an Instrument by Inspiration & Vision, Sabbath, April 17th and 24th, 1842.

1, Her Salutation. 2, Her Remembrance of her aged spiritual Children, and her Care & Labors for them. 3, What she experienced soon after her Decease, &c. 4, The Responsibility that rests upon the Aged in Relation to the Younger. 5, How they must treat the spiritual Gifts. 6, The Prayers of our heavenly parents, and the Answer of God. 7, How her little Ones, since her Decease, have persevered in the good Work. 8, Her Supplication & farewell Blessing at the Time of her Departure, and the Charactar and Labors of her Successor. 9, The Situation of the younger Class, in Respect to temporal Possessions compared with that of their predecessors. 10, Concerning a

reciprocal Communication of Love, &c. 11 and 12, A few Lines that were sent on a Leaf, some Months before.

1. Lovely children, followers of our blessed Mother! with what pleasure and how oft would I have addressed you in my own voice and with the same language you used to hear, could you have known the affectionate heart & felt the hand that now embraces you!

2. Dear Elders, Brethren & sisters, many of you well remember me, tho years have rolled away, since you saw my face or heard my voice; and as well do I remember each and every one of you. I often think of the days, when you used to gather around me with beautiful songs & pretty gifts, dressed in the garment of simplicity, and all wearing the smile of innocence, as you now do. These emblems of love by which you so often manifested the good & kind feelings of your souls, I have safely kept in remembrance of my little ones. During the short period that I was called in the Ministry, I labored to feed & nourish you with the good things of Heaven; that you might have strength & courage to press forward in obedience to your good faith, bearing a daily cross. And since that day, I have known what you have passed thru, to maintain the order

that was then established. And I have not ceased to watch with you, pray with you & feel with you in in your tribulation; nor shall I ever, until you are all gathered home to your Parents.

3. It was not long after my spirit left the body, before I was conducted by angels to the mansion of my blessed Mother. Dear children, do you think you can sense the joy & gratitude that flowed thru my soul, when I met my dear Parents in the heavens of glory? Nay, dear children, you cannot; neither do you know how thankful you will be, when you are called to leave the things of time, that you have fought the good fight, kept the faith, and are also found worthy to dwell with them, and wear the beautiful crown that is laid up for you.

4. Those who had the privilege of seeing Mother and those faithful Elders who hazarded their lives in coming from England to plant the Gospel in America, are under a great responsibility in relation to those who have embraced it since the days of their ministration. You are the children whom Mother in particular has been pleased to notice above any other; and by your daily fruit may it be felt and seen that you possess a spirit like hers, always abounding in charity & love, patient in suffering, tender hearted towards all, showing pity to those who are in trouble.

5. Is there one among my little number, that can treat with lightness or indifference the simple gifts which we, the inhabitants of the angelic world, have so freely sent to you? They are the treasures of our Heavenly Father's store, and the productions of a spiritual soil; and on such they must be planted & treasured in the soul; or they will be lost, and wither and die, yielding no good to the possessor. They are to you a foretaste of that spiritual blessing which all souls, either here or in eternity, will be willing to humble themselves to receive, and will be as thankful as one would, suffering with thirst, to find a stream of pure water.

6. Dear children, had it not been for the kind condescension of our gracious Father, we could not have enjoyed this free communion with our kindred on earth. Long, yea, long before you anticipated receiving any communication from us, while in the body; in low humiliation we did beseech our God, that he would pour out his spirit of awakening upon his needy children on earth: upon the rising generation we did entreat his favar; that their hearts might be purified, and their souls prepared to receive a fulness of that divine power that would enable them to stand as pillars in the Church of God, when you will have ceased to bear the burden. And in answer to our prayers the Lord did promise to send a shower that should water

and enrich the whole field of Zion. And surely, my beloved, in his own time and according to his righteous will you have seen his promise fulfilled, and have shared the rich blessings of this fruitful season. The gates of paradise have been unclosed; and souls have been permitted to behold the order of the spiritual world, to that extent that he hath in his wisdom seen fit to reveal to man.

The glorious day at length has appear'd;
And many have seen and all have heard
The word of the Lord: his book is unseal'd;
And thru his chosen his will is reveal'd.

The bread & the waters of life are yet falling, and the voice of the Lord is still sounding. Ye that are faint & thirsty, put forth your hands, and open your mouths, ere my blessings cease to fall within your reach; and you shall drink the wine of my spirit, and eat of the hidden manna, and your souls shall be satisfied with my goodness.

J. Dear children, you know not what I have felt for souls on earth, since I entered the world from whence no one can ever return, to right any wrong they have previously done. I left you at an age when the enemy of your souls would be most likely to try to tempt you with his poisonous bait, and flatter you with his lying tongue. But my beloved, having the shield of faith, and sword of truth, you have come off more than conquerors, thru

him that hath loved you. And by keeping a submissive spirit to your Lead, having it your theme, and feeling it your duty & privilege, to keep every order, as they have from time to time been given in the wisdom of your Lead, you have been traveling into a nearer & nearer relation to your heavenly parents.

8. When I began to feel that my labors in the body must close, I bowed my spirit in supplication to my Heavenly Father, for the protection of those who were under my care: that they might be led into a further increase, and be comforted in the way of God. And holy angels did descend, To bear to you my gospel friends, My purest love, my farewell blessing, A treasure which you are still possessing. And a pure vessel chosen of the Lord, endowed with power & wisdom, hath been my successor, and hath led your souls into a great increase of order & beauty. And I have beheld you flourishing like the beautiful rose of the morning. And tho she has had to wade in the deep waters of tribulation, and has met with many things very trying to her spirit; yet she has not failed to strengthen the feeble knees, and raise the drooping head. Yea, she has strengthened your faith, encouraged your zeal, and led you, with a careful motherly hand, thru your trials & tribulation, often reminding you of the sufferings of Mother

and the Elders. And in obedience to what she hath taught you, together with her fellow helpers, you have, with the blessing of God, greatly increased your temporal & spiritual riches.

9. And those whom you now claim as your heirs, have not had to experience the years of scarcity, both for food and clothing, that you did, when you was young; neither will they, while they remain faithful & true to God. After lying on poor beds or on the floor, with only coarse fare for your meals, and of that not often a plenty, you generally entered the field of hard labor, putting your hands to work, and your hearts to God. Neither is their dress (in general) of that plain homespun manufacture that yours was; tho perhaps it might have been as well, had they run less into extravagance. Dear children, do for a moment compare the situation of the younger class now, with yours at the time of which I am speaking; and may you teach them to be prudent, industrious, and thankful for the blessings they daily enjoy. Teach your children not to murmur at little crosses, or complain of what they have, that it is not good enough &c.; for some have been indulged to that degree that has proved their ruin.

10. But my dearly beloved, I did not come at this time, to use the rod of correction; but I have come with

the strong cord of love, which binds the children of Mother in one faith & one union. I have come with the spirit of freedom, with the bond of peace and with the balm of consolation. I have brought a cup of pure refined love, of which all may drink freely. And if the Elders feel union, those who feel a desire, may, with two low bows, fill the cup again, and I will carry it to Christ and Mother.

11. Now dear children, before I bid you farewell, I will read a few lines which I wrote on a leaf, and sent to you, last October, in a basket that contained several other presents. A part are the words of Mother Ann, as you will see. I wrote as follows.

12. My dear little ones, ye who were, when young, the children of my care; a while after my decease, I visited you on a sabbath, in a morning meeting, with Mother Ann & Father Calvin.

I gave you each a diamond bright, A precious pearl of lily white;
And you have kept them bright & clean, Not dim'd by age, nor stain'd with sin.
You are the jewels Mother claims, She knows you all; she has your names
In golden letters in her book, With those who have all sin forsook.
May it some comfort be to you, While tribulation you pass thru,
To know you've walk'ed the path of truth, As you was taught your youth.
Beloved ones, you've more to do, Says Mother Ann to her aged few:
Protect my lambs; teach all the young To bear the cross as you have done.
She also says, The time draws near, When for your help they'll drop the tear;

For heavy suffrings they must feel, To try their faith, and prove their zeal.
She says again, The day's at hand, When Je ho vah will sweep the land
The nations of the east shall hear; The dead awake, and God revere.
To middle ag'd, children & youth, She says, Fear God, and love the truth;
Keep ev'ry order as tis giv'n. By doing this, you'll feel a heav'n.

Receive, dear children, this leaf of comfort, strength & blessing, and keep it as a token of my never failing love & remembrance.

Sarah Harrison

Farewell all, in the bonds of love & true union.

Instru. Averil Haskell.

Entered on Record, June 2nd, 1842.

Chapter XXXV.

A Message from Father Calvin: given by Inspiration, Sabbath, May 8th 1842.

1, His Salutation. 2, He exhorts the Brethren & Sisters to labar more fervently for the precious Gifts of God. 3 & 4; Concerning his spiritual Labors, while in the Body, and the Character & Labars of his Successor. 5, How we are to walk in the Path of Life. 6, Of his meeting and praying with his Children here, whose Prayers have been answered.

1. O ye little ones of your heavenly parents, ye who walk in the little strait & narrow path of your

blessed Mother Ann; ye who day by day travel in the glorious way of the cross: unto such can I with loving kindness come nigh, and converse freely; for they are holy. Those who from their childhood have been gathered from among the wicked & unclean children of this world; unto such I can say, Peace be unto you; for you are truly the rightful heirs of your heavenly parents labors.

2. My dear children, many are the times I have bowed my spirit low, and prayed to our Heavenly Father and to Holy Mother, that the precious gifts of God might be showered down upon you; that you might have your full share. Dear children, do you not feel willing to labor for the heavenly fruits of the Spirit? If you prize the precious way of God above the fleeting things of this world, which serve to shut from the mind that abiding comfort the soul enjoys when employed in the gifts that flow from the Fountain of all goodness; why not give your whole soul to labor more for the things upon which your souls must feed, or wither & die, like a branch that receives no nourishment from the true vine? When I was with you, did I not teach you to labor for one union? Did I not tell you that your calling was holy? Did I not exhort

you to labor for the things of the Spirit, and not give your minds to covet this world's goods; but if you was faithful, you would be blest with every thing for your comfort? And have you not seen my words verified? Surely you have.

3. My faithful ones, when I was in the body, and stood as a helper & supporter to you, I labored in deep tribulation with all under my care, to establish the holy orders of God. And I have beheld you with pleasure, many times since, labaring to keep the foundation orders; and my soul flows with gratitude, to see the increasing work among Mother's children.

4. You have not been left without a Lead, to guide and help you along. After my decease, the leading burden fell on a faithful cross-bearer, who has ever labared for your good; and in words of loving kindness has he invited & encouraged you on in the self-denying work of the Gospel. All who have given heed to his counsel, have been under the blessing of their Heavenly Father.

5. Now my beloved ones, press on with new courage: for the work is swift, and every one must be disencumbered from every thing that does not gather to Christs kingdom: yea, the way is strait as straitness; and no one can walk in this path, without they have given up the idols of time, and feel willing to lose their life, that they may gain life eternal, in the mansions

of heaven forever to dwell, and with Christ & Mother complete redemption sing.

6. As a kind and tender father have I many a time met with you: when dark clouds gathered around you, seemingly every moment ready to burst forth upon you; when the enemy was striving with every alluring snare he could devise, to decoy & draw aside the young & unexperienced minds; then did I with you cry unto the God of heaven and earth, to provide some way that souls might, if they would, gain an abiding faith, that would be unto them an anchor both sure and stedfast. And he in his gracious mercy heard the supplication of his needy children, and condescended to shower down the richest of his blessings; that no one could have any room to doubt. And now see ye what use & improvement you make of the smallest of these rich blessings: for they are not given to be trifled with, or considered as matters of but little importance. Receive, every one, my holy and pure love.

Instru. Phebe Wilcox.

Entered on Record, June 3, 1842.

Part 2nd

Visions, Messages and Communications,

given in the Second Family.

Chapter II.

A Vision seen by Mary S. Rufsell, Thursday Evening, March 15th 1838.

1, Situation of the Visionist previous to her Trance.
2, Taken by Trance to a Meeting in the heavenly World.

1. The brethren & sisters from the east house came and assembled with us; and we had a beautiful good meeting. There was much speaking & lively singing; yea, the good Spirit was striving with us. I was under the operation of turning. The meeting room seemed to be illuminated as I never saw it before.

2. I turned sometime; then I was taken off in a trance for the space of an hour. I saw the holy saints warshiping God in the beauty of holiness. They were dressed in white; which made them look beautiful and lovely in my sight. They went forth in the quick manner, around the circle, taking hold of each others' hands; they also went forth in the heavenly march and square check. They looked lovely, angelic & holy; & their singing was powerful and lively. Elder sister Lydia led the band. She came to me, and said, You must keep alive in the work of God. Those whom I saw and knew, were Elder sister Lydia, Rebecca Jepherson, Rozina Walton, & Susan Granger.

Entered on Record, January 12th, 1842.

Chapter II.

A Vision seen by Mary S. Rufsell, Friday in the Forenoon, April 13th, 1838.

1. In the family Meeting she sees, in open Vision, the heavenly Host uniting with those in the Body. 2. Sees Father James & her natural Mother; converses with them, &c.

1. The brethren & sisters from the east house

came again; we met, and had another lively meeting. There was a good degree of the flow of the spirit among us. I had another view of the heavenly host: as I was turning, I saw the spirits worshiping with us: they seemed to be over our heads, going forth in the quick dance.

2. Father James came to me; and I spake & said, Is this Father James? He said, Yea, it is. He conversed with me sometime, and encouraged me to be faithful, and endure to the end. For said he, if you do, you will be a bright shining soul in the kingdom of Heaven: yea, you'll rejoice with the heavenly host you have seen. Father James and Mother Ann sung a beautiful song to me; and I learnt it. They were angelic & holy, and shined with such pure brightness, that it dazzled my eyes. My natural Mother then appeared to me, dressed in white. She had not embraced this testimony, when she died. I asked her how long it was, after she left the world, before she gathered to believers. She answered, Not very long. She talked with me sometime; encouraged me to be faithful, and bear my daily cross, thru all trials. For said she, every one must come to this work, to find acceptance with God, and feel happy in heaven with glorified spirits. Those I saw, were Mother Ann, Father James, Davis Fairbank, Rozina Allen, Eunice Clark, Molly Sabins, Rozina Walton, Lois Russell.

Entered on Record, Jan. 12th, 1842.

Chapter IIII.

A Message of Caution from Mother Lucy; spoken by her, thru a visionary Instrument, to the Brethren & Sisters in Meeting, Sabbath, at 3 oclock P. M., April 11th, 1841.

1, Introduction by the Instrument. 2, Mother Lucy delivers her Message to all, concerning Separation from the World; 3, and to the Youth & Children, in Regard to leaving the People of God. 4, Love is received from the good Spirits, and given to them in Return. 5, Some Doves given to the Brethren and Sisters.

1. We went over to the east house, and met with the brethren and sisters there, and had a comforting good meeting: many good exhortations, some operations of the Spirit. The good spirits were with us, and administered life, comfort and peace to our souls. Mother Lucy was there; and she said, I have a few words of caution to say to all the brethren & sisters.

2. Hearken to my voice, and hear what I have to say, my dear children. O let every one of you daily watch yourselves in all you do & say; that you do not get overcome with a spirit

of the world. Do not unite with them in conversation unnecessarily; for if you do, you will get overcome before you know it. But keep a spirit of meekness and humiliation; walk in the solemn fear of God, before the world.

3. I say to the youth & children, dont never harbar a thought or think of going to the world: for if you do, it will grow stronger & stronger in your feelings, and satan will bind you fast in his chains. You must be obedient to what you are told by your Elders and those who have the care of you. Confess every thing that's wrong; and you will not want to go to the world; but you will thank the good Elders, Brethren and Sisters, for teaching & watching over you for good. I say it is a dreadful thing for any one to go to the world; yea, it is, even for a child, to go and leave the people of God, and slight their day and privilege, never never to have another call in this world nor in eternity. Destruction & misery will be their portion: for it is a great day of God's visitation to his people; such a day as was never before known upon earth.

4. Mother Lucy and the rest of the destial spirits, gave us their love with a motion & clapping of hands. We received it joyfully, and gladly

thanked them for it. We gave our love to them, feeling thankful for the notice of Mother & the good spirits to us. She said, I will carry it to Mother Ann & the holy angels: yea, they will be thankful to receive it.

5. She also said, I have brought spiritual doves of comfort to you. Yea, I will comfort you my dear children, with my love & blessing: for I do love you in truth.

Instru. Mary S. Russell.

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Chapter IV.

A few Words from Mother Sarah; communicated to the family through an inspired visionary Instrument, in Meeting Sabbath, P. M., 3 oclock, April 25th, 1841.

1, Circumstances that preceded the Communication. 2, Mother Sarah speaks, to encourage and comfort. 3, The Brethren and Sisters partake of spiritual Fruit & Water & Gifts.

1. The brethren and sisters at the east house came and assembled with us; and we had a lovely meeting. There were operations of the Spirit among us, and many good exhortations. The holy

spirits were with us; they were full of power, life and zeal, and administered to us the power & gifts of God.

2. Mother Sarah spoke and said, My dear children, be little, simple and low; and you will have the lovely gifts, to comfort & strengthen you: yea, they are free for every one that loves them, & walks the path of self-denial and the cross of Christ. I do love you, my dear children; I feel thankful to meet with you, and feel & know you are increasing in the way of God. So be encouraged. There are lovely pearls, and gems of precious treasures for you in heaven, and robes that never will grow old, says a kind & tender Mother.

3. We have a grape vine with beautiful grapes thereon. We all picked, and were comforted in it. Also we have a little spring of living water, that Mother Lucy brought to us. We took our little cups, and drank of it, and felt refreshed. We have a spiritual table. Mother Sarah placed two baskets on it, with presents in them, gifts & fruit. We all received them with thankfulness for the tender mercy & loving notice from our heavenly parents & holy angels to us.

Instru. Mary S. Russell.

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Chapter V.

A Communication from Father William spoken by him to a visionary Instrument in the public Meeting, Sabbath, A. M., at 11 oclock, May 23, 1841.

1, The Instrument gives a short Sketch of the Meeting. 2, Father William speaks concerning Br. Philip and the future Increase of God's Work. 3, He encourages the Youn

1. We assembled at the meeting-house, and had a solemn good meeting: many good exhortations and singing. After we sat down, Br. Philip got up, and spoke to the world. Father William was present with us through the meeting; and he stood by Philip, when he was speaking. Father William spoke as follows.

2. The world will flock in, to hear the words of truth; and many will believe & obey. I say, (said Father,) that Philip will be one to sound forth the testimony to all, far and near. Far surely it will come to pass, there will be a great number that will come in amongst you, yea, set out to be believers; and they will be thankful for their privilege. So it stands every one in hand, to be careful what use they make of their blessed privilege in:

for God will search and try the heart of every creature. Keep your lamps trimmed & burning, and your swords sharp and bright, to cut every thing asunder that does not belong to the Gospel. If you dont, there will be those who have never yet heard the sound of the Gospel, who will come in, and go before you.

3. I feel thankful to sense, see & know, there has been an increase here in this place, yea, among the young: many of them I have seen engaged & alive in the work of God; speaking, and manifesting their thankfulness for their great privilege they enjoy with the people of God. Yea, I have felt comfort, peace & love, many times, in meeting with you, dear children, and feeling your love & union, and knowing you were labaring to keep the gifts of God in low humiliation of heart.

Instru. Mary S. Rufsell.
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Chapter VI.

Words that were spiritually wrote on the Wall in the Meeting-room; showing how the People must prepare themselves, to worship God to his Acceptance, and

how the Room should be occupied: seen by a Visionist in the Afternoon of Wednesday, the Day of its Date, as follows.

A Communication from the holy Angel of Truth to the Brethren and Sisters.

June 16th, 1841

Dear brethren and sisters, this is a holy and sacred place, for you to worship in the solemn fear of God, and in low humiliation of heart, and in thankfulness to the Creator of all goodness. I say unto you, have your hearts cleansed & purified from all sin and every thing that will bring you under condemnation, before you enter these doors, says the holy Vankala. Yea, this room is designed for the holy children of God to worship in the beauty of holiness; and the glorious angels do dwell here to worship; yea, they assemble with you, many times, and feel that you do not sense the great day of God's visitation, and the unbounded love & mercy he has bestowed upon you from time to time. I say prepare, prepare; keep your lamps trimmed and burning, and well supplied with oil; that they do not go out, and you be left lean and barren. For the trumpet of the Lord is sounding

unto all his people, to fear God, and work righteousness. Be careful how you speak; have your words few, and seasoned with grace; be still and speak low, wherever you go; and walk in the lovely path of your blessed Christ and Mother.

Let no one come into this room with a light sense; for if you do, your offerings will not be accepted. Have no loud talk here, nar shutting doors hard; nay, not any unnecessary coming into this sacred place. Keep the doors closed, and have it very still, when you do not assemble here: for it is guarded with many angels of love, says the blessed Vankala.

Visionist, Mary S. Rufsell.
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Chapter VII.

A Letter from Mother Lucy to the Elders; given to an Instrument by Vision & Inspiration, Sabbath, June 24th, 1841.

1, Her Salutation. 2, She warns the Brethren and Sisters to prepare for heavy trials; to watch & pray; to be faithful to keep the Orders of Zion, &c. 3, Her Regard for the Family. 4, She warns them to thoroughly cleanse

the Temple, &c, and prepare for the Gathering. 5, 6 & 7, She encourages them, and concludes with her Love & that of Others, and a Verse from Mother Ann.

Enfield, June 20th 1841.

To the beloved Elders at the north family.

1. O my dear beloved children, I send this kind letter, as a token of love and tender regard that I have for you.

2. I warn you, dear children, to prepare yourselves. For the time is nigh at hand, that great and heavy trials and deep tribulation will come upon you: yea, the wicked will rage, and persecute the chosen people of God. So stand fast, firm and strong; purge yourselves, and purify your hearts; keep your spirits clean, pure, low & humble; watch and pray, day by day, and keep the fear of God in all your goings forth. Walk in true obedience to your faith: yea, be careful how you speak to each other, and in what manner you speak; that you do not mar your holy and precious faith, says a kind and tender Mother. Your privilege is exceeding great, dear children. Do sense it as you ought: be wide awake & alive in the things of God. Obey the holy laws of Zion, and every pure order that has been given you. They

came from Heaven, the source of all goodness. Look out, look out, I say to every one; do not disobey the precious orders of God: they are weighty matters, and are sent to you for the protection and increase of your souls in the pure way of God. Remember, my dear children, they are the words of truth. If you do not obey the lovely orders, you will come under loss: heavy judgments will come upon you; and you will be cast out from the people of God, and left to wander about in torment, sin and misery. I warn you to pray & cry to your Heavenly Father for help. He will help & bless your spirits in this lovely way; he will pour forth forth heavenly gifts and blessings to you, to comfort and strengthen your souls in the Gospel. It is a great day of God's visitation to you, dear children. Do sense it, and be thankful that your are noticed by your blessed Mother Ann and all the holy spirits in heaven. So be wise; improve your time well, to God's acceptance; fear God, and work righteousness; keep your vessels clean, and fit for the Master's use.

3. O my beloved children, I love you, I bless you. I have prayed and cried to God, in deep tribulation of soul, for your increase: yea, many times I have assembled with you, feeling great tribulation, to see you so dull and careless; not alive in the

things of God; not sensing, as you ought, your glorious privilege you have, to meet together, to warship in holy praise divine, (says Mother Lucy.) Nay, you have not been blest with the lovely gifts so much, when you assembled to warship God, as you might, if you had labared & strove more to keep your senses upon spiritual things, when you were about your daily labor. Yea, dear children, there is too much noise, boisterous ways, light vain idle talk and such like among you, that does not belong to the people of God; and it must be put away.

4. I do sincerely warn you to be more careful how you walk, from day to day, lest some of you lose your day and privilege. The candle of the Lord is burning; he will search and try the heart of every creature, and purge the camp from every thing that is impure. Dig deep; lay your foundation upon the rock of ages, that never can be moved; bring every hidden work of darkness to the light, and be strong pillars in the house of [redacted] God. For surely it will come to pass; many will flock in, to hear the testimony of truth. Then the trying day will come. They will need your help and strength, to walk in the self-denying Gospel of Christ. It's not far off, the time when your houses will be filled: yea, the

holy angels of selaska are sounding their trumpets thru the land, to call the nations from afar, to this blessed and glorious calling of the Gospel. So prepare, as I have said before, and make ready for the time; set your house in order; love & serve the Lord; and you will be blest in your basket and in your store. Yea, many precious treasures & blessings you have received from the ever flowing Fountain of goodness; and they still will be poured out to you, if you are faithful, and walk in true obedience to your beloved Lead. Yea, follow the blessed precepts and examples of your blessed Savior and Mother, who trod the way in deep tribulation & cries to God for their children.

5. Be Encouraged. I'll never leave you nor forsake you, dear children, nay, never, as long as you obey the kind instructions I have given you. Let it sink deep into your hearts; for they are solemn words of truth to all of you, says your blessed Mother Lucy. Farewell in love.

6. You may receive the love of Mother Ann, Father William, Father Joseph, Father Calvin, Father Job, Mother Sarah, Mother Hannah Goodrich, and a host of lovely angels, Mother Ann's guardian angel and many little spirits.

P. S. Mother Ann sends a little verse to you, as a token of love.

O lovely children, now do hear,
(The counsel has been giv'n,)
And in obedience walk with fear
The path that leads to Heav'n.
Dear children, labor to be wise;
O keep your spirits pure,
And ev'ry counsel now do prize,
The blessed way endure.

Instru. Mary S. Russell.

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Chapter VIII.

The following Message to the Family was spiritually wrote upon a Door of the Meeting-room. It was seen by a visionist at the Time of its Date.

The Brethren and Sisters are advised how to prepare for a Time of Tribulation & Persecution, which will soon come.

Words of the Spirit of everlasting Truth.

Saturday evening, July 10th 1841.

I say to you, prepare, prepare; make strait paths for your feet to walk in: keep strait upon the line, and walk in the fear of God. Follow the blessed precepts of your loving Savior & Mother; and you will find strength to persevere thru storms of persecution, which will surely come upon you; yea, it is close at the door: you will find that tribulation, in part, which your blessed Savior and Mother felt & bore, when they were upon earth. So be wise, and treasure up all the kind instructions you have had given you, from time to time, from your heavenly blessed parents and the loving angels from the heavenly world. Pray to your Heavenly Father for help; and he will stretch out his protecting arm, to hover you from the prowling wolves, which are about, seeking whom they may devour. Yea, if you will cry unto him for blessings & strength, he will pour out many blessings & gifts to you, which will be a stay to you in time of need: nay, in no wise will he withhold any thing from those that keep within this lovely fold, and walk the strait and blessed way of holiness and purity, says the Spirit of Everlasting Truth.

Visionist, Mary S. Rufsell.

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Chapter IX.

A Message from Mother Lucy to the Brethren & Sisters; spiritually wrote upon the Wall in the Meeting-room. It was seen by a Visionist at the Time of its Date.

1, She counsels them to treasure up the precious Gifts, which will be a Strength & Comfort to the Faithful in Time of Need. 2, An endless increase in the Way of God. 3, How the Blessing of God is to be obtained.

A Communication from Mother Lucy.

Saturday, Afternoon, July 24th, 1841.

1. O my dear children, I have a tender regard and love for you and for your welfare & increase in the great manifestation of God to you. Yea, the windows of heaven have been opened; and the glorious gifts of God have been freely bestowed upon you, from time to time, from your heavenly parents and the lovely spirits in heaven. So be wise, dear children, and treasure them up; for they will be a help & comfort to you in time of need, when trials and tribulations do come upon you.

2. O do hearken to my voice; hear & remember what I say to you: that this blessed Gospel is an increasing work; and every one that does keep a pure spirit, and walk in true obedience to this pure way, will find an everlasting increase; and they will grow and flourish in love & union to each other.

3. Yea, God your Heavenly Father will search and purge the camp, and try the heart of every creature; and he is sounding & sounding his trumpet aloud unto all, to prepare, and cleanse their hands and purify their hearts from every thing that is impure. So be faithful & wise, dear children, and keep your spirits mild & meek, low and humble, and walk in the lovely path which your blessed Savior and Mother trod; and you will find comfort & blessing on your way; you will be blest in all your goings forth in things spiritual and temporal; yea, you will be blest in your out goings and incomings; the gifts and blessings of God will be poured down upon you in abundance, if you hear and obey the kind instructions which you have had given to you from your blessed Mother Ann: yea, I will bless and comfort you; I will be a stay to you, when heavy trials do come, says Mother Lucy.

Visionist, Mary S. Russell.

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Chapter X.

A Communication from Father William to the Family, spiritually wrote upon the Wall in the Meeting-room. It was seen by a Visionist in the Evening of the Day of its Date.

1, He warns and admonishes; that all may sense how they ought to walk, to be worthy of so great and precious a Privilege. 2, He counsels the Members how to make ready for the trying Day that is coming.

A Communication from Father William.

July 24th, 1841.

1. O my dear children, says father, I love you, I bless you; I warn you, as a kind & tender father, to be more careful how you walk in all your goings forth; that the gifts of God may attend you, wherever you go. Have your mind more upon spiritual things, and walk in the low valseva of humiliation: Strive to be still, and keep the fear of God before your eyes. Yea, dear children, when I behold you about your work, it fills me with sorrow & grief, to see you so noisy, laughing

and talking, not sensing the great day of God's visitation to you. Yea, surely there never was such a day as it is now: the unbounded love & kindness which has been showered down, and still is, from the heavenly world to all of God's chosen people on earth. So be wise, and hear what I have to say to you.

2. Prepare yourselves for the trying day which is surely coming: it is nigh at hand, that heavy tribulation & sore persecution will come upon the people of God, says father. I say, dear children, gather up every good & precious gift which has been so bountifully showered down upon you; treasure them up into a good and honest heart: for the time will come, you will need every morsel and crumb of these, to help you on your way. Yea, the angels of volangela are are sounding & sounding their trumpets thru the land, to call the nations from afar, to this blessed work of salvation, of truth & holiness. So prepare yourselves, and make ready for the time, and look out what use you make of the glorious Gospel of Christ; for it is not to be trifled with, I say to you dear children, says father William.

Visionist, Mary S. Russell.

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Chapter XI.

A Warning from Mother Ann to the Family; spiritually wrote on the Wall in the Meeting-room. It was seen by a Visionist in the Afternoon of the Day of its Date.

1, She directs them what to do, to have the Gifts of God flow more abundantly. 2, They are cautioned against making light or trifling with any Gift of God. 3, She calls Attention to her Words, and expresses her Regard for the Family.

A Warning from your blessed Mother Ann.

Sabbath, forenoon, July 25th, 1841.

1. Dear children, says Mother, hearken to my voice, and hear what I say unto you. Have your senses wide awake and alive in the things of God, and bow low to the vo-las-na vi-na-ka [blessed Gospel] of holiness & purity. Then you will find strength and comfort, joy and love, which is ever flowing from above, to soothe you thru all trials. Yea, dear children, when you assemble together to worship God, be alive, and sound forth the testimony of the everlasting Gospel of truth, and of the glorious and blessed privilege you enjoy in the

great manifestation of God to his people. Then the gifts of God will flow more abundantly among you, and you will find an increase in your souls. I have, dear children, says Mother, assembled with you; I have felt great tribulation, to see you so dull, and not alive as you ought to be; yea, speaking for the way of God, and sensing the great day it is to you.

2. I do warn you, as a kind and tender mother, to look out, every one, well to your ways, and not make light of these holy precious gifts which have been so freely sent to you from God your Heavenly Father. For I do say unto you, if you slight one of these holy and precious gifts, God will slight you. Nay nay, they are not to be trifled with; they are given for the increase of your souls in the pure way of God.

3. So be faithful and wise, dear children; let it sink deep into your hearts, and remember what I say unto you; for they are the words of truth, says Mother. Yea, I do love you; I will bless & comfort you on your way; nay, I will never leave you nar forsake you, if you will be faithful to walk in obedience, from day to day, to my lovely counsel which I have given to you, says your ever loving & blessed Mother Ann.

Visionist, Mary S. Rufsell.

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Chapter XII.

The following Message from Father James, was seen by a Visionist, spiritually wrote upon the Wall in the Meeting-room, Wednesday, Sept. 1st, 1841; and was transcribed from a spiritual Copy, by the said Visionist, Sept. 10th, 1841.

1, He calls upon all to listen, &c. 2, How we must walk, to be blest with divine Protection. 3, The punishment of certain Characters. 4, Some further Caution.

1. O my dear children, says father, listen to the voice of a kind & tender parent, who does love and bless every child of God: yea, I do love you, my dear children, all who keep their spirits meek and low, and bow in humbleness to this pure testimony, wherever they go.

2. Be faithful & wise, dear children; for God your Heavenly Father is sounding & sounding his trumpets aloud unto all, to be wide awake and zealous in this great and mighty work which is going on among his people thruout the land. Do not let one of you be dull and careless; but sense the great day that you live in, and keep your vessels

clean & pure; and the wo- lan- na- ve [lovely gifts] of God will flow among you, to comfort you in the trying scenes you pass thru. Yea, if you keep down low, and walk in true obedience to your most holy faith, you will have strength and power given you, to stand against the wicked persecutors, who are about, raging, and fighting the people of God. So be of good cheer, & keep a keen sharp spirit against all wrong in yourselves; and you will be guarded & protected by a host of angels. I will stand by you, and be a stay and support to you in trying scenes of persecution, which has come upon you, says father.

3. Nay nay, in no wise will the wicked go unpunished; but the fire they have kindled, will be turned upon them: heavy judgments, destruction & misery, will be their portion, says father James.

4. So be watchful & prayerful, dear children; keep your eyes wide open, to see and know where you are; and keep in the blessed fold of Christ: do not be led astray, and fall into the hands of the wicked persecutors, says father.

Visionist, Mary S. Russell.

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Chapter XIII.

A Message from Father Joseph to the Family; spiritually wrote upon the Wall in the Meeting-room. It was seen by a Visionist in the Evening of the Day of its Date; and was transcribes by the said Visionist, Saturday, Sept. 11th 1841.

1, He exhorts them to a sense of the Greatness of their Privilege. 2, A Promise of Glory & Comfort in Obedience. 3. How they are to be protected & comforted in Times of Persecution.

Saturday, July 24th, 1841.

1. Prepare yourselves, my dear children, and hear what I say unto you; for your privilege is exceeding great and glorious. Do sense it, and be thankful that you are called to ~~the~~ work in the vineyard of the Lord, and to walk in the path of meekness and truth. Yea, your blessed Savior and Mother trod the way in deep tribulation and cries to God for their children, says father.

2. O my beloved children, I do love you; I will bless you, I will comfort you, if you will be faithful and wise, and treasure up all the good counsel and instructions you have had given you from

your heavenly parents in heaven. You will increase and grow and flourish in the pure way of God; and when you have done with time here upon earth, says father, you will have a lovely prize which you have gained, in the celestial city of love.

3. Be not discouraged, dear children: there is comfort and blessing for every one that is low & humble, meek and wise, and daily watching and praying. So let every one walk in the fear of God, says father, and bow low to the vin-se [cross] of Christ, and watch your words, ways and actions, and attend to every order which has been given you from time to time; and you will be protected & comforted, in heavy trials & persecution that you will have to meet with from the wicked, who are about, seeking whom they may devour. Yea, the wicked may rage, and try to overthrow the work of God, and disturb your peace: but remember they cannot do it, in no wise, as long as you keep strait upon the line, and walk in union with your beloved Lead, says father.

Visionist, Mary S. Russell.

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Chapter XIV.

The following Message from the Prophet Jeremiah, was seen by a Visionist, spiritually written on the Wall of the Meeting-room, Thursday, Sept. 4th, 1841. It was transcribed, Saturday, Sept. 18th, " 41.

1, Concerning the keeping of the Sabbath & the Orders of Zion. 2, The Purpose of God in Regard to the late Revival.

1. Dear brethren and sisters, you must remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Let no one of you do any unnecessary work on this day. Put your things in order, and do all that you can, on saturday, and love and serve the Lord with all your might, mind and strength: for it is a day of the Lord. Keep very still in your rooms; so that the lovely angels can dwell with you. Have no idle talk; but labor for the blessings and gifts of God. Be prayerful & watchful, and keep your senses wide awake, to hear and remember what you have been taught concerning the sabbath and the things of God. For your heavenly parents do say they are not to be trifled with: yea, your lovely Mother Ann does warn you, dear brethren and sisters, to be careful

how you treat with those precious orders that have been sent to you from heaven, from time to time, for the protection and increase of your souls in the way of God. Do not let one of you say, I do not believe in all these things; and there is no need of obeying them. But be thankful that you are so noticed by your Heavenly Father and beloved parents in heavens, who have gone thru much tribulation and prayer and supplication for their children, since the great manifestation of God to his people.

2. Truly this work which has been going on among God's chosen people, is to prepare you for the trying day which will surely come upon you, when the world are waked up, and their faces are turned to this pure Gospel. Yea, the Lord has sent forth his angels with their trumpets, to sound and sound unto all the world, and call them to this glorious calling of truth & holiness. So stand ye fast, and prepare yourselves, and make ready for the time, and follow vin se la ne ve [the little path] of self-denial and the cross, says the prophet Jeremiah.

Visionist, Mary A. Russell.

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Chapter XV.

A few Words from Mother Sarah; communicated by her to a visionary Instrument, soon after Meeting, Sabbath, P. M., Sept. 19th, 1841.

1, She cites their Attention to what had been read, and to the Tribulation Mother Ann has felt for them. 2, She exhorts them to treasure up & keep what has been given in this Time of Plenty. 3, She speaks of a Time when the heavenly Manifestations will in a great measure cease, &c.

1. I say unto every one of you, Be in a solemn labor to God, for your own souls. Let it sink deep into your hearts, what you have heard read to you; for they are words of truth, and are very solemn and weighty matters to all of you. Your beloved Mother Ann does feel much for you, dear children; she has waded thru deep tribulation for her children, since the great manifestation of God to you.

2. Do be wise, prayerful & watchful, and gather and treasure up all the lovely gifts & presents which have been sent to you now in the time of plenty; for you will need every morsel & crumb of these, to help you. Yea, dear children, many, many solemn warnings have been sent to you from your heavenly mother Ann.

3. I say to you, the time is drawing near, when the windows of heaven will be closed. Then you will not receive so much from your Heavenly Father and beloved parents as you now do. I hope, dear children, you will labor to be wise, and remember what you have been taught; for now is the accepted time with you. Walk in the path that's holy; and vin se la na vo na [my love & blessing] will be with you, to comfort you. Do not let one of you make light of any thing that has come from God to his people.

Instru. Mary S. Russell.

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Chapter XVI.

A solemn Warning from our blessed Savior and Mother Ann. It was communicated to a visionary Instrument in the public Meeting, Sabbath, A. M., at half past 11 o'clock, Oct. 10th, 1841.

1, They want that the People should be aroused, to sense their Day & Calling, and prepare for the Gathering. 2, A description of such as cannot abide the purifying Fire of Zion. 3, The deep Concern that some ought to feel, lest they be cast

out of the Sanctuary. 4, Admonition and Counsel in Regard to keeping the Fear of God.

1. The time is fast approaching, that many will come in among you. They will come from the north and south and east & west, to obey the Gospel. So prepare, prepare and make ready for the time. Yea, says blessed Christ and Mother, when the temple of God is purged & purified & cleansed from every thing that is impure, the Lord will sound forth his trumpet, to call the nations, and awake them from their slumber, to hear the words of eternal life. So dear children, let every one of you be aroused in your feelings, and sense the great day in which you live; for now is the time the accepted time.

2. O do be brave & valiant soldiers in the cause of God, and work out your own salvation with fearing and with trembling. No dead stupid sleepy soul can abide in the Church of God: they will be cast out, and be left to wander about, in sin, torment & misery: yea, heavy judgments will surely overtake them. None can escape the wrath of God, that follow on in their own ways, and slight their precious privilege, and make light of the holy gifts which have been given in this great manifestation of God to his people.

Let every one of you, says beloved Christ and Mother, take this warning, and let it sink deep into your hearts. Have your minds stirred up, by way of remembrance, to your most holy faith, and to the glorious work which is going on. For the time will surely come, yea, it is very near, that all unbelief and deceitful hypocrites will be purged from the holy Zion of God.

3. I do say to you, dear children, that some of you ought to fear & tremble, for fear that you will lose your day & privilege, and sink into the regions of darkness. I do solemnly warn all to look out: cleave to thy anointed Lead for help and protection, and let not this sentence be passed upon thee. Pray to the Lord in good earnest and with fervency of heart, and pray that he would be merciful to you.

4. You have, lovely children, been warned, many times, to be still, watchful and prayerful, and keep the fear of God in all your goings forth. But you are too stupid, dull & careless. You do not sense how still you ought to be, when you are about your work: if you did, there would not be so much loud talk and boisterous ways among you. O dear children, I have a tender regard for you. Do receive this kind admonition, and labor & strive to walk in the solemn fear of God: let there be but few words spoken; have

no idle words; and love and serve the Lord, with all your heart, mind, might & strength. Then your souls will be refreshed with the waters of life daily; and you will walk in newness of life, and in holy devotion to your Maker, says your beloved Jesus Christ and ever blessed Mother Ann.

Instru. Mary S. Russell.

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Chapter XVII.

A Message from Father William to the Brethren & Sisters; spoken by him to an inspired Instrument, Tuesday Evening, after retiring to Rest, Oct. 12th, 1841.

1, He apprises the stupid & careless Souls of their Danger, 2, and warns them against uniting with the World, &c. 3, He cites their Attention to a late Warning given them by Christ & Mother. 4, The Enjoyments and Attainments of the Faithful.

1. Most lovely children of mine, I feel to warn you, and to arouse you, of the approaching danger that awaits every careless stupid soul. Wo, wo, wo I say, to those that are stupid, and are deter-

mined to follow their own self-pleasing ways, and not obey the holy laws of Zion, which have been given for the protection of your souls, and for your increase in the holy Church of God. Nay, nay, my dear children, no one can prosper, that makes light of the precious orders of God, and says to themselves, Such little trifling things are not worth minding. They are weighty matters to all of you. I say wake up, wake up, those careless souls that are not alive in the things of God; for God is in earnest, and he will pour out his vengeance & wrath upon all who will not obey his word and keep his commandments. I feel in great tribulation for some of you, fearing that the time will shortly come, when it will be too late for you to repent of your doings. Yea, it will surely come, that every one who does not walk in obedience to their anointed Lead, which is placed in Zion, upon earth, will be purged out from among God's people.

2. I do warn you, as a kind father & friend, not to unite with the world so much as ye do. For I have shed tears, to see many of you conversing and talking free with the world, as you would with a brother or sister; yea, and not sensing you were defiling your spirit by talking with them. You will shut the gifts of God out of your souls, and you will lose that sacred

and divine feeling that becomes the people of God, if you do not obey what I say unto you, my dear children. So remember the many warnings which have been given to you from time to time. They are not to be trifled with; and every one will know it to their sorrow, if they do not obey them. Dear children, look out, and keep your faces turned towards Zion. Walk in the low valley of vin se va, [righteousness,] and you will be kept from falling into the gulf of misery & woe, into which many have fallen.

3. Do remember the late warning which you have had from your beloved Christ & Mother: let it be upon your minds, and treasure it up in good and honest hearts. For know ye, my beloved, they have waded thru deep tribulation for their children; yea, with fervency of heart have they bowed in humble prayer to God, for the increase of your souls in the way and work of God.

4. I can say that every faithful soul is refreshed & replenished daily with the good things of God: their souls can partake of the waters of life and the bread of life; they can walk, and not faint nor stumble at the cross; they can walk in newness of life, and can grow & flourish in purity & holiness. Their spirit is harmless, meek & simple, and easy to be entreated;

they have a living sense of the Gospel and what it does require of the soul.

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Chapter XVIII.

A Message from Mother Ann to the Elders at the north Family; given to an Instrument by Inspiration, Thursday, P. M., at 2 oclock, Oct. 21st, 1841.

1, She counsels the Elders in Relation to the Family. 2 & 3, She describes the deplorable State of Some, and directs the Elders how to deal with them, 4, Concerning Mother Ann's Work. 5, 6, 7 & 8, She exhorts the Elders to be comforted, and commends them for their Fidelity and their Thankfulness for the Gifts. 9, The Prayers of Some will be answered. 10, Her Love & Blessing.

1. O my beloved children, who are placed on the walls of Zion, and are anointed of God, to teach and lead & guide my dear children, you have a great work to do. Yea, beloved Elders, I do require it of you to be faithful, and watch over my children, and to see that all is right among them; for it is

your duty. Your calling is holy; and it needs your diligent care & attention, to look about among my little flock, and know what they are doing. Speak often to them, and remind them of the pure & holy orders which have been given, since the commencement of my late manifestation on earth. I shall soon leave you in spirit, no more to return, to see you as I have many times

2. I say there are some among you, who are not waked up as they ought to be: they are dull & cold, and not mindful of the good things of God. I have heard them speak, and say they did not believe in my coming in the spirit on earth. Yea, many times have I heard them say they were imaginary thoughts of some foolish creatures; and that their senses were not bright, or they would not tell about Mother Ann and many others appearing to them. Yea, I have heard them talk with the world about those precious gifts, in a very light manner; which will cause them heavy sorrow & tribulation, if they do not confess and repent of it very humble indeed. To such I do say, God will meet them in a strait place; yea, and they will sense & know that God's holy & divine gifts were not to be trifled with nor slighted: for he is in earnest with every one.

3. O beloved children, I do entreat you

to warn all such to flee from the wrath to come; and try & pray, from your hearts, to arouse them of their danger, while carrying such a sense, in this great & glarious display of God's chosen ones. God their Heavenly Father will spew them out of his temple, if they do not turn right about, and that shartly. God has shewed mercy; and he will, to all that diligently seek him, and obey his word and keep his commandments, & walk humbly in the holy Church of Zion.

4. I have been sent to do this work, and to glarify God on earth. Not my will, but thine, be done. I have passed thru heavy tribulation & sufferings for all my dear children; my path has been paved with sarrow & cries to God, many times, while here in the spirit with you, (says Mother;) and now my work is most finished, when I shall return to my celestial mansion, to rest.

5. O I say now to you, beloved children, be comforted; O do be encouraged, when you feel in tribulation: for know ye that your beloved Saviar and Mother have waded thru deep waters for you, in truth; and think ye, that ye are not alone in sufferings.

6. O I do love you. I will bless you; I will be your beloved Mother; I will be your stay and your staff and your comfart; I will send my holy

holy angels with my love & blessing; they will sound glad tidings to you, from me your lovely Mother Ann.

7. You have obeyed the living call of the Gospel; you have not put out the light of God on your wall, but it shines with holy brightness; for which your spirits are holy holy in my sight, and with you I have taken delight. Your garments have been washed & made white by the blood of the Lamb; and your lamps have not gone out; your swords you have kept bright; your vessels are clean & pure, and fit for the Masters use; your souls are daily partaking of heavenly manna & the bread of life. I have given you heavenly wine; I have given you gospel love; I have given you precious fruit, to comfort & strengthen you; I have given you pearls & gems of lovely treasures, to refresh your thirsty souls.

8. Your spirits have been thankful to God, times & times, for noticing you so much, in sending your beloved Mother, with a fountain of presents & gifts and precious orders, to her dearly beloved children. Yea, I have assembled with you my beloved Elders; I have heard you express your thankfulness for the way of God; and whenever there were any heavenly given by me or any of the holy angels & spirits, you have bowed your spirits, and given thanks for the goodness of God to all his people.

9. You may know, my beloved, that I do know my children that have walked with me in tribulation, they will not go unnoticed; their cries & prayers will be answered. You will see the time, that all in your family will be given up and devoted to serve God, and do his will, and not their own self-pleasing wills.

10. So you may have my everlasting love and blessing, to help you on; to cheer & soothe your souls, when your spirits are weighed down in tribulation and sufferings here in time: yea, my love to you will grow, and never was old; it will never decay, thru the endless ages of eternity, says your everlasting Mother Ann. Nay, nay I say, never never can I forget you nor leave you: God forbids. I will send the ministering spirits with my blessing and love to my dearly beloved children, from my pure mansion above.

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Chapter XIX.

A glorious Message from Mother Ann to the beloved Elders in the north Family; to which is added a few Words spoken by Mother Lucy on the Occasion. It was spoken to them thru an inspired visionary Instrument, at the Time it was delivered, Friday Evening at 7 oclock, Oct. 22d, 1841. Mother Ann, Mother Lucy, Mother Sarah, Father William, Father Joseph, and Father Calvin were present.

1, She calls their Attention to what she communicated to them the Day before. 2, Their Prayers & Cries to Heaven will be answered. 3 & 4, She counsels them how to deal with certain Offenders, whose impious Talk she has heard. She knows the State of every Soul among them. 5, The faithful Labors of the Elders for the Salvation of Some, who would not give Heed to their Words. 6 & 7, She manifests her Regard for the Elders, and gives them her Love & Blessing. 8, They return Thanks &c. 9, Mother Lucy addresses them, describing the Sense and Conduct of the Offenders.

1. O my dear beloved Elders, I have come for the last time, to see you in spirit. O may you

remember the late communication which I have freely spoken to you, thru my chosen one, concerning those that were in your family. I do entreat of you to try earnestly to awaken them from their dead stupid state; for I do feel in great tribulation for many of them. Yea, dearly beloved children, I do require it of you, when you assemble in meeting, to pray and cry fervently to God, for his mercy to all such as have been waked up, and have made light of his holy and divine manifestation, and slighted his precious gifts which he has so bountifully bestowed upon his people, from the celestial mansions above. Nay, nay I say, no one can prosper, going on and following their own ways, yea, and thinking they have done it, and they still can do it. All such, I do say, will find themselves mistaken: for an end has come.

2. Dearly beloved Elders, be comforted; for know ye, your prayer & cries have not gone unnoticed by me nor by your Heavenly Father. They have ascended up to Heaven, many times, and they have been heard. You will live to see all in your family devoted & given up to serve the Lord to his acceptance, and doing the will of their Heavenly Father, and not their own self-pleasing ways & wills: yea, you will live to see the time, when you will assemble in meeting, and all will unite,

as of one heart & one mind. They will not stand like monuments, with their mouths shut in the house of God, as I have seen, many times, when I have assembled with you; nay, they will sing and shout in holy praise divine, for their glorious privilege to warship God in the beauty of holiness: you will not see them set on their seats as dead and lifeless as tho they were made like monuments, never to be removed.

3. Beloved children, let all such feel that your spirits are waked up, and that you feel to warn them to turn right about, and confess and repent of their doings, before they assemble with you, to offer up sacred offerings to God their Heavenly Father. If they do not humbly bow themselves, and confess, do not let them unite with you: let them feel their separation. For God does ~~forbid~~ that any should presume to assemble, to worship him, with sin covered up, that has not been confessed and put away. Yea, and I do also utterly forbid those that profess the name of Christ, to enter your holy sanctuary with sin in their breast. To all such, the wrath & judgments of God will be poured out. So remember that my words will prove true; they change not.

4. I have seen & heard those that are now with you, making very light of the holy & precious orders & presents which have been given to all my dear children.

Yea, I have heard them say they were nothing but foolish nonsense; and that they did not want to partake of that which they could not taste, see nor sense, feel nor smell; for they had no faith in it; nay, and they had no faith in those little orders, as they call them. But remember, beloved Elders, that all such ones I do not call my children. They are not seeking after righteousness: they are seeking & trying to pursue their own ways, and not walk the little strait & narrow path of self-denial and the cross. They will see the time, that these little trifling orders, as they call them, will be solemn and weighty in their feelings; and they will then see that those orders were not to be trampled upon, not one of them. I have heard them speak against their anointed Lead, which is placed in Zion, to lead my children. I do know every one, how they have walked, from day to day, and what has been their labor. So no one need to think that they are not known by the all-seeing God and by your heavenly parents in heaven. 5. O my dearly beloved children, you have gone thru heavy tribulation with me; you have drinked the cup of affliction, many, many times, for those that would not hear to your counsel: you have bathed your faces in tears, times & times, and entreated of those that you took in when little children, to turn their senses, and

leave to you, and you would help them, and be a comforter & protector to their spirits in tribulation. Nay nay, they have not heard nor obeyed your counsel; they have turned a deaf ear to your cries, for the carnal and fleeting pleasures of this world. They will be glad yet, to have the privilege to be in the sound of your voice. So do warn all (as I have said before) that are within the wall, to look out, that their light does not become darkness on their wall, and their love become hatred, and the holy mark which has been placed on their foreheads, be turned into the mark of satan, and they lose the day & privilege they have with the people of God.

6. O my most precious & beloved children, I love you; I will remember you, whilst your path is paved with tribulation: for know ye, that heavy tribulation will surely come upon you, my anointed & chosen ones. I will never forsake you; I will send my holy, holy angels with my love & blessing and wine & precious presents to you, to comfort and strengthen your spirits, and refresh your souls in the Gospel. Be not discouraged, dear children; O do be comforted; and know ye, that your lovely Mother will support and comfort you thru all trials. I have a beautiful crown, that sparkles with precious diamonds, to place upon your heads; and lovely robes which will never grow old, for you to wear; which I have prepared

in my celestial mansion: yea, many treasures I have for you my dear children. For you have sounded your trumpet loudly on your wall; you have kept your spirits pure and unspotted from the world; you have fed upon the good things of God; you have walked daily in newness of life; and your souls have increased in the pure way of God. Your souls have been refreshed, many times, with my lovely presents and gifts, which I have freely given out to my beloved, (says Mother.)

7. O beloved Elders, you may receive my everlasting love & blessing, to comfort and strengthen you, and to help & support your spirit thru tribulation, which has come upon you now.

8. The Elders, on their knees, thanked blessed Mother Ann for her lovely message, yea, for her love and blessing to them; and with thankful hearts they did promise that they would be faithful to obey her lovely counsel which she had given to them. Mother Ann spoke, and said they were welcome, welcome, welcome, for all that she had bestowed upon them from time to time, yea, and to her everlasting love forever & ever. Mother Lucy then spoke as follows.

9. Do remember, dear children, what Mother Ann has spoken to you; for they are the words of truth. Let it sink deep into your hearts; do not let it pass; but

look about among her little flock, and see that all is right. I fear (says Mother Lucy) that some will not obey the call of God to them. They do not dress like believers; their senses are of the world; they carry it about them daily. Do look about, and see that the youth & children are not partaking of the same spirit; dressing themselves tight, and parting their hair, and fixing themselves as it does not become believers. I have seen it; and I have felt tribulation, to see those that were among you, so light and carnal, and not sensing the great day in which they live: yea, talking & laughing in a very light manner, about the holy divine gifts which your beloved Mother Ann has so freely given to her children. I have heard them say they did not believe in any such things; that the spirits appeared to such & such ones: they are all lies; they do not speak the truth. Many times I have heard them talking with the world about the holy gifts, and telling them that they have been forbid to say any thing to them about those gifts. To such I do say, they ought to fear & tremble, and to think of their situation, which is deplorable. Yea, they are hateful in my sight, and with them I do not take delight. Their love has become hatred in the sight of all their heavenly parents. So do remember to warn all of their danger, while walking in disobedience to what they have

been taught concerning those precious gifts, and making light of them.

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Note. Mother Ann had two baskets of precious diamonds; one for the Elder Brother, and the other for the Elder Sister. She gave them to the Elders, to give out to all her faithful children in their order. On the diamonds were encircled her love and blessing.

Chapter XX.

A Communication from Father James. It was spoken by him to a visionary Instrument in the public Meeting, Sabbath, A. M., Dec. 5th, 1841.

1, Introduction by the inspired Visionist. 2, Father James speaks concerning the evil Designs of the Seceders, &c. 3, The Difference between the World and Believers, shown to the Visionist, and also expressed in Words. The Believers do and will receive Assistance from Heaven.

1. We assembled together, and had a good meeting. There were many good solemn exhortations and lively singing. The celestial spirits were with us; yea, a very great company stood in a strait line before the world, to guard and protect us.

2. Yea, (says father James,) we stand before your wicked enemies, who are daily persecuting you: that you might be guarded and helped in great tribulation which you are passing thru, from those that have left you. I heard them say they were going forth to unite with you in your divine worship. But never fear; God your Heavenly Father will not suffer them to do it. My beloved children, if you daily walk in the path of meekness and simplicity, and keep the precious orders & lovely gifts of God, which have been given to you from your beloved Mother Ann, you will surely go safe, and be protected from the wicked. So do remember, my beloved. He is pouring out his judgments on them; and they will feel it and know it to their sorrow. O do remember this kind communication to you; let it be your daily thoughts, to bow in humble prayer to God, for his protecting hand to help you in time of need. Yea, I will truly help you; nothing shall harm you, nor disturb your peace; nay nay; God forbids that his chosen people should be disturbed, as long as they walk the low valseva of humiliation, with thankfulness of heart.

3. Most of the time while we were in meeting, there was a cloud of darkness, which hung over the world, so that I could not see them. The believers

were encircled in a beautiful light, which made them shine with brightness. Father James spoke, and said, This is to show you the difference between the world and believers; yea, those that have honestly confessed all sin, and forsook the world with all its vain pleasures, to gain the prize, and win the crown. These are the ones which I will truly bless; these are the ones which I do love, and will stand by, to help in time of tribulation. For surely your union & your strength is precious to me; and your souls I will feed with heavenly blessings, to comfort you from my heart. For be assured, I well know that your cup is filled to the brim, and overflowing with sorrow and heavy tribulations. I will be your comfort and support ~~in~~ in this trying scene thru which you are passing. Kind guardian angels do hover around you, all the time, to help & assist you in your afflictions.

Instru. Mary S. Russell.

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Chapter XXI.

A Letter from Mother Ann to the Elders; communicated to an inspired Instrument, Sabbath, Dec. 19th, 1841.

1, Her Salutation and Call. 2 & 3, She warns them to be watchful &c., and exhorts them to be comforted. 4, Precious Counsel, with promises of Protection & Comfort in Obedience. 5, The Brethren and Sisters encircled by good Spirits. 6, Some additional Words of Counsel, Comfort and Encouragement.

1. O my dear beloved children, receive a few words of warning from your everlasting Mother Ann. For I truly love you; and I have a tender regard for your prosperity and increase in the way of God.

2. I do warn every one in the family, to be watchful & prayerful, and to walk very careful in all your goings forth, and keep your spirits and senses alive and wide awake in the things of God; lest some of you become darkened, and your souls be led astray by the wicked. For the devil is about, like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Let no one be dull and careless in this great day of sal-

vation; but daily strive to be humble, meek & low. Then you will be protected from the wicked, who are raging and fighting against the Church of Zion, yea, and are trying to overthrow the work of God. Nay, nay I say, dear children, they cannot hurt nor harm you, if you are faithful to keep and obey the precious orders which have been given for the protection of your souls in the pure & holy way; and daily breathe out humble prayer with holy reverence, to God your Heavenly Father, for his protecting hand to help you in trying scenes thru which you are passing.

3. Be comforted, my lovely children; your prayers have already ascended to Heaven. God hath not been deaf to your cries; but he has sent his comforting and proclaiming angels, to guard and help you. So do remember that my words will prove true, and will not fail. The wicked will not go unpunished: those that have left the way of God, and are trying to persecute my chosen ones, will meet with heavy sorrow. Yea, God hath poured his judgments upon them; and they will not prosper in what they have undertaken. Misery and destruction will be their portion; and they will feel it and know it very soon, (says Mother.)

4. O be cheerful, dear children, and place your feet on the rock of truth, and stand fast and firm, and go on your way rejoicing, and always have your pure minds stirred up by way of remembrance, to your most holy faith, and daily walk in true obedience to your anointed Lead; and you will surely be protected, and safely go thru all the persecution from those who are around you, trying to disturb your peace. Yea, if you will remember this solemn warning to you, and daily live by it, I will help and bless you: I will send my celestial bright angels, with my love and blessing right from my heart, to cheer and comfart you on your way. For think ye not but what all your heavenly parents do know your sufferings, which you are daily passing thru, from the enemy without.

5. A host of shining spirits are hovered over you; yea, a very large company are encircled around you, with their hands stretched out, to help my beloved, says your everlasting Mother Ann to all of her faithful children.

6. With this I have lovely verses of comfart for you.

1. O keep the lovely gifts of God, Which I have freely given
And walk the strait & narrow road; Twill lead your souls to Heav'n.
2. Dear children, keep the holy laws With reverence, love & fear,
And humbly walk the way of God, While onward you do steer.
3. Pure treasures I have got for you, My lovely children dear,
And shining garments rich & new, Which will your spirits cheer.
4. O daily labor to be wise In all you do and say;
You'll gain a lovely glorious prize, Which never will decay.
5. O sound O sound your trumpet loud, And loud let it resound;
Yea, never let the wickes crowd Come near this holy ground.
6. Kind guardian angels will befriend Your spirits on your way,
And guide you safe to your journey's end, To realms of lasting day.

Farewell with my everlasting
love & blessing.

Instru. Mary S. Russell

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Chapter XXII.

A Letter from Mother Lucy to the Elders; communicated to an inspired Instrument, Sabbath, Dec. 26th, 1841.

1 & 2, She expresses the Comfort she has felt in assembling with them, and reminds them of several important Duties. 3, The Persecutors cannot prosper. 4, She calls the Attention of the Elders to the late Warning from Mother Ann, and exharts them to be cheerful. 5, The Love that they may receive.

1. O my beloved children, your union and your love and blessing is precious to me. Yea, I love to assemble with you, and know and feel that your union is increasing in the little strait and simple way of self-denial and the cross. Many times (says Mother) I have met with you in your holy sanctuary and have felt very thankful, to see you offer up sacred offerings to God your Heavenly Father, and your souls filled with the gifts of meekness and simplicity, yea, and your hearts bowed down in thankfulness for the many rich treasures which have been freely given to you from your beloved Parents. I have, dear children, seen you bow down low in sacred prayer to God the Giver of all good, for his help & protection

to your needy souls in times of great tribulation. Then your spirits were very near to me; and your souls have been refreshed with my love & blessing from my heart; and never never will it depart, as long as you are faithful to walk low in the way of purity; which will lead you on to the celestial mansions of glory. And there you will receive a happy mansion with your everlasting gospel parents in heaven.

2. So be truly wise, dear children, and press on with courage, and keep your swords sharp and bright; that the enemy cannot come near the holy Church in Zion. Treasure up all the lovely gifts and solemn counsel which you are daily receiving from the heavenly hosts; and that you may feast upon them: for now it is a time of great plenty with all of God's chosen few. I say that your Heavenly Father hath not given you his precious gifts with a sparing hand; nay, he hath freely poured them out to you from his blessed fountain of all goodness; and they will be a help & strength to your souls now in time of tribulation.

3. Yea, (says Mother Lucy,) persecution has begun here in this place; and the wicked may go on for a season, and try to overthrow the work of God;

but they cannot do it: nay, nay; no weapons that are formed against Zion, can prosper.

4. O hearken, and remember the late & solemn warning which you have received from your beloved Mother Ann, and let it sink deep in your hearts; for they are the words of truth. Yea, your everlasting Mother Ann hath waded thru deep tribulation for you dear children; and ever will she extend her protecting & helping hand, to comfort and strengthen your spirits, if you will always remember her lovely counsel which she has freely given to you from time to time. O be cheerful; for I will give you comfort, peace & consolation. I will give you the bread of life and the waters of life, to refresh your thirsty souls. I will give you my love and blessing, yea, and many precious things I will give to thee.

5. Fare well in love and union to my beloved children. Yea, and you may receive the love of your beloved Savior and Mother Ann and a host of shining spirits, with four low bows.

Instru. Mary S. Russell.

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Chapter XXIII.

A Message from Mother Lucy to the Brethren and Sisters: spoken by her to an inspired Instrument in Meeting, Sabbath Morning, Jan. 23, 1842.

1842, She wants her Children should make preparation for the coming Work, by humble Supplication & Prayer & diligent Searching. 3. The Punishment of those who seek to hide their Sins, &c.

1. Dear children, let this solemn warning sink deep in your hearts; and prepare, prepare yourselves this day, and be in a solemn labor for your own souls; for the day of the Lord has come in good earnest to all of his people: yea, bow yourselves very humble & low in prayer to God for his help, and that he would show mercy to your needy souls, and enable you to cleanse and purify your hearts from every thing that is offensive in his sight.

2. I say to you my beloved children, do not one of you pass over this solemn gift of confessing sin, in a light manner. Dig deep, and bring every hidden work of darkness to the light; that your souls can grow in newness of life, and be made partakers of the blessings of God.

3. O remember, my dear children, that no one can prosper or travel with sin covered up, which has

not been confessed. Yea, to such I say, who do not honestly confess all wrong, God will meet them in a strait place; and in his wrath he will pour out his judgments on them, yea, and they will be shut out from the people of God. So I hope you will all labar to be wise, and search your hearts diligently and in earnest, and walk more careful in all you do & say; that your souls may increase in the holy way of righteousness & peace, and forever abide in your Heavenly Father's blessing.

Instru. Mary S. Russell.

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Chapter XXIV.

Communications from our heavenly Parents, while in our Meeting, Sabbath A. M. Feb. 7th, 1842.

1, 2 & 3, Introduction by the Instrument, stating how the Meeting went on, &c. 4, Father Joseph speaks concerning the Youth. 5, The good Spirits receive the thanks & Love of the Family. 6, Mother Lucy expresses the Feelings of Mother Ann in Relation to the Family. 7 & 8, Father William gives some needful Advice

1. The brethren & sisters came here from the east house; and we assembled together, and had a

lovely meeting. A large company of the heavenly host assembled with us: father William, Father Joseph, Mother Lucy, Mother Sarah, and Mother Hannah Kendall, were present, and they filled us with heavenly comfort and strength, to refresh our thirsty souls.

2. We first sung a beautiful hymn of praise. Then Eld. Brother spoke a few words, and said that it was indeed a very solemn & important work, to prepare to meet together, to offer up sacred offerings to God in the beauty of holiness, and to worship him to his acceptance. Yea, and he spake of the great & glorious manifestation which has been given in this day, from God our Heavenly Father; and how thankful we ought to be, that we have been so noticed from time to time. We ought, said he, to sense it, and strive to remember what we have been taught, and walk in the solemn fear of God. He said that he wanted to have all be free, and go forth in whatever gift they felt.

3. We marched two or three songs, stood, and sung two, then went forth in the quick manner. After we had labored three or four songs, Mother Sarah spoke, and said that if we labored for the gifts & blessings of God, we should be filled with them in this meeting. Truly our spirits were filled with many good gifts of God, which did freely flow among us. The celestial

spirits had many beautiful treasures for us: they gave us heavenly love, comfort and strength, yea, and spiritual doves & heavenly wine, the heavenly manna & the bread and waters of life, to comfort us.

4. There were many good & solemn exhortations in the meeting. Father Joseph said that it was his delight & pleasure, to hear the youth proclaiming the everlasting Gospel of truth, and manifesting their thankfulness for the glorious privilege they enjoy with Mother's children.

5. We gladly thanked our heavenly parents and the angels and spirits who were with us, for their kind notice, with eight low bows. And we gave our love to them with six low bows. The lovely spirits thanked us for our love; and they said they were glad to receive it, and they would carry it to beloved Mother Ann and a shining company of angels & spirits, who would be glad to receive it.

6. Yea, Mother Lucy said that Mother Ann does feel much for her dear children; and she wants to have you remember the precious orders, and always obey them and treasure them up; and you will be protected. Yea, and ever remember her lovely counsel, which she has freely given to you. For the time she says is coming, that sore tribulation

will come upon my little flock; and then they will need a great deal of strength, to help them in the tribulation thru which they are passing.

7. Father William spoke a few words, and said that we ought to labar and strive to love each other, and walk humble & low in the foot-steps of our blessed Christ & Mother. I say, do not have any idle foolish wards among you; but daily strive to be still, and have your wards few, and seasoned with gospel grace. If you do not, dear Children, you will not keep that sacred & divine feeling in your souls, which the Gospel requires of you.

8. So be wise, and receive this from a kind and tender parent, and always treasure it up in your hearts. For the time will come, when you will not receive so much lovely counsel from your gospel parents as you now do. Yea, your Heavenly Father has begun a great work; and he will carry it on, until every thing is made right, and the temple is purified from all that is hateful in his sight.

Instru. Mary S. Russell.

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Chapter XXV.

A Message from Father Joseph; given to an Instrument by Inspiration, Friday, P. M. at 2 oclock, Feb. 11th, 1842.

1 & 2, He affectionately exhorts them to watch, and not let their Enemies get in among them; and he particularly cautions the Elders, and describes the fearful End of the impenitent. 3, He warns all to be faithful in serving God, and not unite with the World. 4 & 5, He addresses the Youth & Children, instructing them, and exhorting to Faithfulness and Perseverence.

1. Dear children, I speak to you from my heart. For you are mine, and your souls I do love; yea, you are my treasure, my interest and my all. So do be faithful, every one, and daily watch & pray; that your souls may not be led astray by the wicked & evil enemies, who are about, approaching your dwellings. Look out, look out, I say unto every one, and keep your armor bright, and keep your eyes wide open; so that the wicked cannot enter into your dwellings.

2. Beloved Elders, I do require it of you to be diligently on your guard, and see that the wicked persecutors are not around you, trying to find out those things which ought to be kept sacred & holy. I fear that some among you are of the world: for they like

to talk and unite with the world. I have heard them talking and conversing with those that have left the way of God. Do labor with all such, beloved Elders, and warn them of their danger. For if they do not turn about, and strive to get hold of the increasing work that is going on, they will surely lose their day & privilege, and have to wander about in torment and misery. The time is very near at hand, that God's spirit will not strive with such ones. His power & hïs work is mighty. And all that do not obey his word, will feel sorrow and tribulation, and they will feel his wrath & judgments poured out upon them.

3. So remember, dear children, what use you make of your precious time; improve it in serving the Lord with all your heart, mind & feeling of your souls. Let no one think they can live with the people of God, and be of the world, and unite with them: their spirits will surely become darkened, and their souls will be lost.

4. I feel (says father) to warn the youth and children, to look out what spirit they unite with. Cleave to your Elders for protection & help; and they will lead you on thru fiery trials that come in your way. They will be a wall, to guard you from the howling beast of prey that is always trying to prey upon God's chosen ones. Do not look to the world for pleasure or comfort; but ever walk in the simple pretty way

which will lead to life eternal. Your path will then be paved with heavenly comfort & blessings on your way; and you will be happy here thru time and in eternity. Yea, if you persevere to the end, you will wear a crown of never fading glory, and your souls will be delighted with the sight. You will sing praises to your Heavenly Father, and shout in love divine, that you have gained the victory, and come off conquerer, to win the prize, and wear the crown. So remember, dear youth and children, your time is very precious. Let not one moment be lost in any way that will bring darkness upon your soul. You have an exceeding great and glorious privilege. Do sense it, and be prayerful & watchful, & watch your words and actions wherever you go. The good ministering spirits will help you, and give you strength to walk on and not faint. They will fill your spirits with heavenly sensations, and give you power to overcome all foolish vain light ways, which so easily beset the youthful mind.

5. Receive this, dear youth and children, from one who truly feels much for your wellfare & increase in this pretty way of self-denial and the cross.

Instru. Mary S. Russell.

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Part 3.

Visions, Messages and Communications

given in the South & West Families, or Gathering Order.

Chapter II.

A Vision seen by Edward Lyman, while in a Trance, and in the 17 year of his Age, Saturday Evening, after Meeting, Feb. 3, 1838.

1, The Visionist taken to the Mansions of of Heaven, where he beholds pure & bright Spirits, and a beautiful Scenery of Houses, green Shrubs, Fruit Trees &c. 2, Saw a sharp Instrument in swift Motion, and was told what it represented. 3, Came to the largest House, saw Believers under the Operation of the Power of God, &c.,

and was then taken to where the Wicked were. 4, Shown a Representation of their Torment. 5, Conducted back to the good Place, saw the Saints coming out of the Houses, and afterwards saw them in beautiful Devotion.

1. In my vision I first saw a white house. It appeared beautiful, with a stoop in front; and here I saw Mother Ann with several sisters all dressed in white. Mother Ann spoke to me, and said, You have come now to see us. And then I saw another white house a few rods distant, about the size of the first; and it was surrounded with green shrubs: and these houses appeared to stand on plains of white sand, the surface of which appeared to be trodden firm and smooth, and looked beautiful. And at the distance of about 15 or 20 rods from the other houses, I saw two very large houses: one appeared as large as five common meeting houses, and the other as large as three, and both of very beautiful colors: the first, a kind of red; the other, white with some red in the middle; but not like any colors that I ever saw before, but far more beautiful. They were lighted with windows of but one pane of glass, which I thought was from one to two feet square. And the light came out thru these squares, (as appeared to me

from the pure shining spirits within. At a short distance from the smallest of the two last mentioned houses, stood a beautiful tree, all white & shining, and bearing large and beautiful fruit; being large at the stem end, and tapering to the other end, and was three cornered with a large bud at the smallest end: ~~the size of~~ this fruit appeared to be nearly as large as a man's head. My guide told me it tasted as sweet as honey.

2. And then I saw a very fine thin saw. And this saw with another instrument twice as large, which had a very sharp edge, were attached to a shaft, and went very swift. My guide told me that those were to cut & sever the lusts of the flesh & all sins from those who live among the people of God; and that those who would not submit to have their lusts and sins cut and separated from them, would be separated everlastingly from the people of God.

3. I next saw Jesus Christ at the door of the largest house aforementioned. And he said I might come in; and I did. I followed Christ up a white pair of stairs. I then asked if I might see my father. He said I could. And he took me thru a large hall into a larger room; and there I saw a great company of believers, all under the operation of the power of God, and having all kinds of gifts; and after going part

round, I met my father. He was glad to see me: he said he was glad I was with the believers. He told me to be faithful to the end; so that I might come there. I told him that I would. I then left him, and went down. (Christ staid there.) Then I asked my guide if I could see the place where the wicked were. He said I might, and took me there.

4. I saw in a dark place, a great multitude lying on their backs, in frightful flames, speechless, and appeared in great torment. I wept at the sight. I saw the wicked continually falling into this awful gulf. On the further side from me, stood the dragon: A most awful looking beast he was; being black all over, with black teeth very sharp, and as much as an inch long. He held a long sharp weapon; and as the wicked fell in, he would pitch them into the worst flames with his weapon, and torment them. I asked if I might see the rich man, at whose gate Lazarus lay and begged. My guide showed him to me. He was near one side, in the worst flames, and his face was swelled & his tongue and eyes: his tongue filled his mouth, and hung out three inches; his eyes were swelled out as large as my fist. There were many in as bad a situation as he was.

5. I then asked to go back to the good place.

I wanted to go where I saw Mother Ann the first time. As I got about half way back, I saw the saints flocking out of the houses: there appeared to be several thousand, all marching in ranks two & two. Christ was at the head of the brethren, and Mother Ann at the head of the sisters; and as they marched up, they turned, and faced each other, and shuffled, motioned their hands, bowed their heads; and then marched on the plain, and labored a different manner from any I ever saw before.

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Chapter II.

Visions seen by Edward Lyman, commencing on Wednesday Evening, Feb. 7th 1838.

1 & 2, His View of a Meeting on a Plain, and a new Manner of Labor. 3 & 4, The different Situations of Souls from Adam to Noah, and from Christ till the present Day. 5, Interview with his natural father, &c.

1. In a meeting at the west family, while entranced, I saw believers standing on a plain, and Jesus at the head of one rank, and Mother Ann at the head of another rank, going forth in the worship

of God. I then saw Moses & Job, Aaron and Jonah with several others of the old prophets. I now saw my sister Maria. No more of this vision to be wrote.

2. The next saturday evening, after meeting, I saw a new manner of labor, and heard a noted tune.

3. Next sabbath evening, in vision, I was told that I should see the different situations of souls who lived on the earth from Adam to Noah. (This was by my request. Accordingly I was conducted to a place quite pleasent. Here I saw Adam with those who were accounted most worthy & faithful, down to the time of the deluge.

4. I was next conducted to a great multitude; and here I saw the old prophets on a beautiful plain: they were walking and prophecying. And then I saw in another multitude, Jesus with all his faithful followers and true believers down to the present time. I also saw all those who have lived on earth since Christ; and yet more ignarant of the Gospel taught by Jesus, yet lived up to their best light. These appeared to be more happy than those who lived before the flood; yet not near so happy as gospel believers. Then I saw the situation of the unfaithful and wicked, who lived in the several before mentioned periods and ages of the world. And these last were unhappy

in the same degree as the righteous & faithful were happy, who lived in those days, and had the same privilege and degree of light &c.

5. I was shown a new manner of labor. I saw Elijah Kellog. He wanted me to bring his love to his children. And then again I saw my father, and told him that I was thankful that he ever got me in among believers. And he said he was glad that he had.

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Chapter III.

The following Message for Benoni Austin, (a Man of the World, who came seeking after the true Religion,) was from Jesus Christ, and given to an Instrument by Inspiration, March 5th 1841; to which is added a few Words from Eld. Joshua Bennet.

1, The searching & refining Power of the Work of God in his Church. 2, The Darkness of the Subjects of Antichrist. 3, What they must do to be saved. 4, The Unbelief & Opposition of the Jews of old to the Testimony of Jesus. How he was anointed and appointed by the Father, &c. 5 & 6, Concerning the Work of Christ and his Apostles, and what took Place at the Time of

their Decease and afterwards. 7 and 8, Concerning the second Manifestation of Christ. 9, The Gospel & its Blessings received by many in this Day. 10, Persecution raised against Mother and her Followers. The past and present Preaching of the Gospel in this Day, and its Consequences. 11, 12 & 13, Eld. Joshua subjoins a few Words in Confirmation; expresses his Anxiety and Regard for Benoni, and makes some Requests in Respect to the Manner of reading the Message, &c.

1. Thus saith the Lord: I have begun a work; I have established my kingdom here upon earth. This work is like refiners' fire and fullers' soap, to cleanse and purify the heart of man: yea, it will search out the hidden things of darkness, and bring to light those sins that are an abomination in the sight of a pure and holy God, who cannot look upon sin with the least allowance.

2. Deluded, blinded souls! who think they are going to Heaven, to inhabit a pure & holy place, when their hearts are filled with all manner of wickedness and deception! Mistaken, mistaken man! thou art deceived. For ye read in that sacred book, "For without holiness no man shall see the Lord." How can ye expect to enter that holy place, when your souls are unclean? I say it is impossible: for I

the Lord have spoken it. Let your profession be what it may, if ye do not live a godly life, and do not follow the dictates of your own consciences, yielding perfect obedience to the light reveated thereto, by taking up a daily cross against every thing your conscience teaches you is wrong; I say you are none of mine; for I will not own you, saith the Lord. If ye live contrary to the doctrines I taught & practiced while here on earth, and do not follow my very footsteps, but go on in your own courses; following the inclinations of your own hearts; seeking to please yourselves, and do your own will, rather than the will of your Heavenly Father; loving the world and the things that are in the world, of which the Apostle plainly saith, If ye love the world, the love of the Father is not in you; and he further states, what the world is, the lusts of the flesh, the lust of the eye & the pride of life, which are not of the Father, but are of the world: if ye love and gratify yourselves in these things, I have no fellowship with you. Your souls must be separated from these darling idols, or ye never can have union with God your Creator.

3. But ye will say within your hearts, Where shall I find that saving power, that will deliver my soul from the idols of my heart, and save me from sin?

Seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you. For altho many are the ways that man has formed and laid out, to obtain heaven, their plans & professions will avail them nothing, one side of the way that God has laid out for them to walk in; which is the way of self-denial and the cross, which I have trod. And there is now on earth a Church in which the spirit and power of the living God rests & remains. And souls, by uniting with, and coming up to the requirements of this church, are saved from sin and condemnation. And many can bear witness of the same from their own experience, and will testify the truth I have stated. And this Church is established by God's own hand, and according to his own mind and will.

4. But as God's ways are not man's ways, he reveals his will to the children of men, in a way far different from their expectations. So as it respects my appearance on earth eighteen hundred years ago, I came in a way altogether different from what the jews were expecting. They expected I would come and reign as king over them, and deliver them from the yoke of tyranny in which they were held, and sit upon the throne with great power and splendor, to judge and rule over them. But did I come in that

way? Your conscience will answer, nay, but to the reverse. True enough; for ye have read of my parentage and the place of my birth. But God chose me, and anointed me with his holy anointing power, and revealed his will to me; and in the performance of his will I healed the sick, and cast out demons, and did many mighty works; which no man could have done, save the living power of God had rested upon him. And after they had witnessed all these things, they then would not believe; because I came in a way so different from that in which they were expecting me to come. It was not the intention of the Almighty, to send them a Saviar to deliver them from the tyranny and oppression of their outward enemies; but to save them from their indwelling enemies; from sin, which rules and reigns in the hearts of the children of men, and by which their souls are bound. But instead of listening, and obeying the truth, that was revealed to me to deliver to them, they disbelieved, rejected & despised that truth and power I manifested to them; yea, they set me at nought; and I suffered many things, which ye all know: yea, I came unto my own, but my own received me not. But there were those of the gentile race, and also a small remnant of the jews, who

listened, and obeyed my teaching; and I administered the same power to them that was given to me. And all that believed & obeyed the truth that was revealed to them, partook, in a measure, of the same sufferings that I had to pass thru, and which I received from the unbelieving jews.

5. But I and my faithful followers did not our own will, but the will of God, which was revealed to us. And when we had accomplished the work that was designed for us to do, our spirits were called from the tabernacle of clay, in which we had suffered so much; and the shining seraphs & angels made us welcome, and received our spirits with triumphant songs of praise and thanksgiving, that we were delivered from the hands of the wicked and rebellious jews. Altho at different periods & in different ways did we give up the ghost; which was recorded; yet that power that was displayed thru me and my followers, did not remain long on the earth, after the decease of my chosen apostles, but gradually decreased.

6. As new sects arose, teaching & practicing different from what I taught & practiced; seeking to climb up some other way, save the way of the cross; so they have continued, dividing and

subdividing until the present time: and they have become so blinded by their self-exalted opinions, and have drank so deep into the spirit of the world, that the true knowledge of me is almost hid from their eyes, as it regards the spirit and power I possessed, and the requirements of the same: yea, their eyes are blinded by the god of this world, and they can not see me aright: for the natural man cannot discern the things of the Spirit; for they are discerned clearly only by those who are wholly given up to do the will of God their Creator. To such he seeks to reveal himself, and to no others.

7. There was a promise given, that Christ, the anointing spirit with which I was anointed, would appear the second time on the earth. And the fulfillment of that promise has taken place; but in a way altogether different from what is expected by mankind; as different as the fulfillment of the promise in relation to my first appearing, was different from what was expected by the jews. Ye think I shall be seen descending in the clouds of heaven, surrounded by a retinue of angels, to judge the world. But the prophecy did not allude to my being seen by natural eyes: I was to be spiritually discerned by the eyes of the soul. Neither did it allude to the

natural clouds; but to the clouds of witnesses, who were the partakers of the same anointing spirit with me, and are the true witnesses of God. Neither did it allude to the heavens above the earthly ball; but to the new heavens, wherein dwells righteousness. So your ideas concerning my second appearance, are as erroneous as the ideas of the jews were, relating to my first appearance: for ye and the jews have formed ideas according to your natural sense of things that are spoken of, as relating to the first & second appearance of Christ, the anointing spirit with which I was anointed.

Q. God has, in this last dispensation, made choice of a poor illiterate female, and anointed her with the spirit of Christ. Yea, thru her & her followers the same power has been displayed in gifts of healing, as was eighteen hundred years ago. Those who have been healed by these gifts, have borne testimony and stated facts in relation to their being thus healed; and others, who witnessed those things, have also borne testimony of the same; which testimonies are written. And there are those at the present time, who can bear witness of the healing power they have received thru her followers: yea, the one who receives & writes this message, can testify that she received a gift of healing, which raised her from a bed of sickness & distress,

to enjoy the blessing of good health. I know it is humbling to the self-exalted feelings of man, to own and acknowledge her as Mother in the new creation, and follow her example, living the same self-denying life that she and her faithful followers have lived; and almost impossible it is for them to believe that she, poor & illiterate, was chosen and anointed of God, to reveal his will to the poor lost children of men, and open a way whereby souls can be saved from sin and condemnation. But it is the plan & work that God has laid out, whether man believes it or not: yea, it is the way and only way whereby man can be saved from sin, and have union with God his Creator. And unless souls separate themselves from the world, and unite with the requirements which have been revealed in this church, where God has made known his will; they cannot be redeemed from their corrupt fallen nature, which binds and tortures their souls.

Q. This Gospel of salvation, which was revealed to Ann Lee, [the female who is so much despised by the generality of mankind,] many have believed; and they have united in the spirit of the Gospel, & obeyed her testimony; which has saved them from the pollutions that are in the world; and they have received the rich blessings of heaven. Many at the present time can

testify that they have found peace and rest, and their souls feast upon heavenly food, by obeying the truth revealed thru her.

10. She was persecuted, and suffered many afflictions, (while here in the body,) by the unbelieving; and all manner of evil was spoken against her, and that falsely. And many who beheld the mighty power of God that she and her followers displayed, [the same power that I and my followers displayed when on earth,] they would not believe, no more than the unbelieving jews. And many at the present time, who have heard this testimony of truth, will not believe; and there are many who do believe, and are not willing to obey, but choose rather to go on in their own courses. But to such souls I say, God in his great condescension and loving-kindness has prepared a way whereby you can be saved from the errors of your own ways. But if you choose to go on in your own course, rather than the way that God has laid out for you to walk in, I say the judgments of God will surely come upon you, and you shall not prosper, and your ways shall be hedged up on every hand. But to those who will obey, instead of judgments, heavenly blessings will descend on them, and their souls shall be satisfied with the goodness of God.

The following Supplement is from Eld. Joshua.

11. God in condescension has reveal'd a plan
For the poor fallen race of man;
Whereby they can be save'd from their loss,
By bearing a daily and faithful cross.
And in obedience to the truth reveal'd
Their consciences must surely yield,
Or they never can be save'd from sin,
And mansions of eternal glory win.
And now, says Christ, O hearken to my call,
(Unless you do, judgments will on you fall,)
And obey the truth that is to you reveal'd;
That the blessings of heaven you may feel.

12. These few lines from me, are to be written on the message for Benoni Austin, if thought best by kind Elders. I have felt great anxiety for Benoni and his little family; that they might be gathered into the true fold of Christ, and renounce their anti-christian doctrines. And thru my intercession in their behalf, this message has been given; which will be a strength to him, to break his way thru, if received and improved by him. I desire to have the following requests granted, if Elders feel union with

the same: viz., that the writer of this communication would read the contents thereof to Benoni, in the solemn fear of God; and four or more who are placed in the order of God to make labars with souls, should be present as witnesses. And this is my prayer: that the gift of tribulation & prayer in Benoni's behalf, might rest on each of these witnesses; that the gift might be administered in a sympathetic feeling manner; that the truth of God therein contained, might be received as such to his immortal soul, and sink deep into his heart. I desire an examination of this message by Elders; and wherein not congenial to their feelings, to correct. For the writer of this message had no liberty to correct; the gift for her was only to write.

13. The foregoing to the Elders in the south family, with my best and kindest love, and my desires for the prosperity of Zion.

Instru. Sarah Ann Benton.

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Chapter IV.

A few Words from Welthy Austin to her father; spoken by her to an inspired visionary Instrument, Friday, March 12th, 1841.

1, Her Thankfulness for past Kindnesses; her Decease, and its Consequences to the Family. 2, How she found the Way of Salvation. She invites her father to set out in this self-denying Way. 3, How her Spirit has visited her father, and ministered to him. She exhorts him to embrace the Gospel: 4, The Love & Approbation he will receive in so doing. 5, The Medium thru which her Message was conveyed. 6, Her Love &c. 7, She addresses the Elders in regard to the Message.

1. O my father, I have a few words to communicate to you. I am separated from you and the rest of the family, who have ever been kind to me. And I feel thankful for all the kindnesses and good instructions I have ever received from you. I remained not long with you; but was taken from you in my youthful days, and was called into the world of spirits; which was very trying, at the time, for you & the rest of the family. I cannot but hope

that my departure was for your and my good.

2. O my father, I have found a relation with which my soul has become united: yea, my soul is united to that happy company who have forsaken all for Christs sake: yea, I am trying to labor out of my loss in this world of spirits, where I now dwell. O my father, I do desire that you and the rest of the family may be united to the same work. But much depends on you: I do feel that if you would come forward, and unite with the chosen people of God, some of the rest of the family would unite with you. O my father, remember each one has their own work to do, to obtain salvation, whether others unite with them or not. Halt not, I pray you, between two opinions: for the value of your soul is worth more than all the honor of this world. Neither wait ye for the rest of the family to consent to unite with you: for if you do your own work first, then you can help and encourage the rest to partake with you.

3. Altho my body that my spirit once inhabited, is now mouldered to dust, and ye behold it no more, yet my spirit, many times, is near you. Tho ye discerned me not, yet I discerned you: ye have felt the influence of my ministration to you, but knew not from what source it came. It was

from me, dear father, begging & entreating you to believe and unite with the true followers of Christ. I am thankful you have united in your feelings, thus far: you have found a blessing in so doing. But there is a further work for you to do, which will be very trying to your soul. But my father, you will have strength given you to do it. This is the work for you: it is to renounce the world, and separate yourself from it, and become united to the Church which God has established here on earth, for souls to gather to; which union you will find by confessing your sins to God in the presence of his chosen witnesses, with a resolution to renounce them forever, and live a holy pure life, a life that is undefiled. And great blessing you will find in so doing; that enjoyment that you never experienced before; for which you will be thankful. Yea, my father, I have had the same work to do, and so will every soul, to obtain heaven. I have found peace and rest & heavenly enjoyment, by obeying the truth, which was very crossing to my natural mind, but freedom to my soul. And every soul that yields obedience to the light given them, will ever be thankful; but if not obedient, it will cause them sorrow & grief. So I implore you to yield to the

spirit of truth, which is calling you to a further work than what you have been in. As far as you have lived consciencionsly, so far are ye justified, and no further: for if your own conscience condemns you, God is greater, and knoweth all things. So be wise, I pray you, and follow the teachings of the inward monitar, which is continually warning you to yield to the light that is now revealed to your own soul. For if ye do walk contrary, you will not be justified in the sight of God & his holy angels, who witness and know all things.

4. But happy it will be for you, my dear father, if you yield perfect obedience to the wards of truth you have received from the faithful witnesses of God, who have declared his ward to you: if ye do believe and obey, then will God and his holy angels and all the host of heaven look down upon you with approbation and love. Yea, my father, if you could know the feelings of my soul, yea, the tribulation I have felt for you and the rest of the family; it would melt your heart into tenderness.

5. But I cannot express my mind to you in the way I once could, when on earth: but there are those who inhabit the body, who can discern and converse with those that are released from

the body; and thru one of those who have the gift of vision, I have had a privilege to communicate my feelings to you. And it is the desire of my soul, that this communication you would believe, and profit thereby; then will my soul be satisfied.

6. This message from Welthy your daughter, with her kind love, and earnest desires for her father's prosperity in the way of truth.

7. A few words to the Elders in the young believers' order. I have had great anxiety for my father and his family, ever since I have found the people of God, and united myself with them; that he and his family might unite in the same work. My anxiety was so great, I requested liberty of my Lead, to communicate a message by way of writing, to be delivered to my father; which request was granted. And now, kind Elders, if you feel union, I desire this communication may be read to him by the writer. This from Welthy Auston, with her best love.

Instru. Sarah Ann Benton.

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Chapter V.

A Message from Mother Ann: given to an Instrument by Inspiration, Saturday Evening, April 3, 1841.

1, The Importance of each one's gathering a Store of Virtue from the present outpouring of spiritual Gifts. 2, She cautions them against uniting with the Spirit & Sense of the World. 3, She exhorts them to patiently endure Sufferings for the Salvation of Souls.

1. It is a time now (says Mother) for all my beloved children to lay up a store of gospel love and blessing, now while you have so great a privilege of hearing and seeing so many of the heavenly messengers & good spirits: for the time may come, when you will not have the privilege you now have: therefore be wise, and treasure up all the good you can; for the time will come, when you will need it.

2. I have a great desire, (says our blessed Mother,) that all my children would be wise, and not unite with any thing that will prove a loss to them. Ye must be exceeding careful what ye unite with: for the spirit and sense of

the world cannot be owned & accepted of God; neither can any one be justified in harboring or maintaining such a sense: for I require all who have a privilege now in this day, to be alive, and in the work that is revealed. Be fervent, my children, and look about you, and see what sense & spirit you unite with: for whatever ye unite with, that ye will become like; and I would not that ye become like the children of darkness again; for if ye do, how great will be your darkness!

3. It was with much suffering & tribulation that the way of redemption was established on the earth; — then how ought you to prize it, who have a privilege of coming into it now in this day; and what will be your accountability, if ye do not wisely improve it! I have in store for my faithful children, many good and precious gifts, which ye shall have, if ye are faithful. And think it not strange, also, if ye have much tribulation to pass thru. But never fear, there will always be a way for your escape, if ye will only prove faithful to the counsel ye have from time to time. The good angels and ministering spirits will visit you often, to see how ye get along; and may ye be always ready to receive them with thankful hearts.

Instru. John Wilcox.

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Chapter VI.

A Message from Mother Ann to the west Family: given to an Instrument by Inspiration, Wednesday, April 7th, 1841.

1, The Importance of each One's faithfully improving their Privilege in the Gospel. 2, Of the free Agency of Souls in Regard to the Improvement of their Privilege. 3, How we are to find Protection, and be accepted of God.

1. My dear children, you have been called to a great work; and on your compliance with the call, your eternal welfare depends. Now see that ye improve your privilege wisely: for if ye slight it in your hearts, remember that God knoweth all things, and will call every one of you to an account, for every privilege you have had with the children of God. For surely it is the last great display of God's grace to man; and every one that has a privilege in this day, and slights it, need not look for another: for if they will not unite, when they have a privilege granted them; when they cry, I will not hearken, saith the Lord.

2. Now (says Mother) be wise. You have good counsel given you, and good Elders set to watch over you; so that ye may be good, if ye will: there

will no one be compelled. But if ye will unite with the will of God, his protecting hand & our heavenly blessing will never be withdrawn from you.

3. Remember that out of my fold there is no protection for you: so ye must gather to the fold that is revealed, in order to be owned & accepted of God and his holy angels. The laws of God are sure & unalterable; and he requires of every one to yield obedience to them. And as ye have a privilege of knowing his laws & will, if ye do not yield strict obedience thereunto, ye can not be justified.

4. With these lines be so kind as to receive my love and blessing.

Instru. John Wilcox.

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Chapter VII.

A Message from Mother to her true Followers on Earth: given to an Instrument by Inspiration, Saturday, April 17th, 1841.

1, Of their hearing the Law of the Lord. 2, She exhorts them to consider the Consequences of slighting its Requirements. 3 & 4, She instructs them concerning the Improvement of their Privilege; that they might be prepared for the Gathering.

1. My dear children, the privilege which ye have of hearing and knowing the laws of the Lord, is truly that which ought to cause every one to feel their dependence on God, and to look to him alone for blessing and protection.

2. If ye are any better than the rest of mankind, it is in consequence of having a privilege in the Gospel, and yielding obedience to its requirements: for by nature ye were no better than others. So look well to your going, and see that ye be not again drawn aside from the true and right way. The Gospel of salvation is for all who will accept of it. So ye who have a privilege, ought to be exceeding careful to wisely

improve it: for if ye do not, the time may soon come, that ye will be cast off, and others called to fill your place, who will do it to the honar & glory of God. The time has now come, (says Mother,) when every one must stand or fall for themselves. None that are true & faithful will ever fall; but if ye are careless & negligent, take ye heed, while it is yet to day.

3. The way of salvation grows straiter & straiter; and unless ye straiten yourselves, ye cannot walk therein. Let no vain & trifling conversation cut off your union and relation to the way of God: but let every one strive, in faithfulness, to build up the way of God; and then ye shall be blest with many great & heavenly blessings, and be able to abide the coming of the Lord.

4. The time may soon come, that souls will come to you, to find the way of salvation. And every one of you who now have a privilege, ought so to improve it, that ye will be able to teach them the way of God in truth, and have nothing that will cause any soul to stumble or fall, thau your carelessness or neglect: for if ye do, it may be that much of the blame will

be attached to you. Be faithful, dear children, and labar to keep the laws and orders delivered to you for your protection; and in so doing you shall receive your reward daily, and nothing shall deprive you of my blessing & protection.

Instru. John Wilcot.

Entered on Record, May 4th, 1842.

Chapter VIII.

The following Communication from Duty Patridge to Ruth Benton, was spoken by him to an inspired visionary Instrument, Monday, April 19th, 1841.

1, He introduces the Subject of his Decease, and Departure into the World of Spirits, and the Scenes he there experienced. 2, His Situation, when he awoke in Eternity. 3, How the Gospel of Salvation was made known to him. 4, His Acceptance of the Offer of Mercy, and the Purpose of his sending this Message to Ruth. 5, The Impression made upon his Mind by the gospel Invitation. He congratulates Ruth in Regard to her good Privilege. 6, He exhorts her to Perseverence.

1. A privilege is granted me, to send

a communication to Ruth my eldest child; which privilege I embraced with thankfulness, realizing with what satisfaction it would be received. For you, my child, have remained wholly in ignorance, as to any true knowledge of me or my situation, since my spirit took its departure from the tenement of clay wherein it dwelt, to inhabit a world unknown to mortals on earth. I can but faintly and briefly express my mind to you, in relation to the scenes I have experienced since that time; but a brief and correct statement I will endeavor to portray before your mind.

2. When I entered and awoke in the eternal world, my situation was to the reverse of what I had expected: for I had expected that heaven would be my abode; where my soul would rest in a perfect state of happiness. But with disappointment and grief I viewed my situation: I saw I was bereft of all earthly enjoyments; the society of my dear friends & acquaintances I could no longer enjoy; all earthly scenes had closed with me; and my soul was not in that state of happiness which I had anticipated it would be in, when I had done with things of time.

Yea, Ruth, you well know the faith I embraced and maintained in my last days on earth.‡ But my faith was then shaken: I saw it was not established on the rock of truth, but on a sandy foundation. And which way to look, or what efforts to make, to extricate my soul from the sufferings I then endured, and gain a state of happiness, I knew not; but earnestly did I pray, that God, in condescension, would deliver my soul from the deplorable situation into which it was plunged. It was some length of time I remained in this state, mourning over my situation, and praying earnestly for deliverance.

3. At last my prayers were heard, and a deliverer sent. Yea, the spirit of your natural mother came to me, and administered the words of eternal life; and this was her message to me: Saith her spirit, My sufferings were similar to yours; and divine messengers came to me, and proclaimed the everlasting Gospel of peace and happiness: saying to me, If you will believe and obey the words of truth, your soul will be delivered from the suffering

‡ It was universalism.

state it now is in. And these are the words given us, to deliver to you, said the messengers: The first efforts you are to make, are these: look over your past life; search & scrutinize diligently; and pray earnestly that you may be awakened by the spirit of truth, to see where in ye have erred, and violated the laws of God your Maker, and have strayed from the path of rectitude, into bye and forbidden paths, which lead the soul into sin & condemnation, which separates the soul from God: for he cannot look on sin with the least allowance. And God hath laid out a way by which souls can be forgiven for their past disobedience, and gain their union and relation to him. And this is the path that is laid out by the hand of the Almighty, for you and every other soul: Wherein you see your conscience condemns you, it will be your duty & privilege, to confess to chosen witnesses of God, who are anointed & appointed by him, to intercede in the behalf of guilty souls. And by so doing, the soul will be forgiven, and be released from condemnation, and will enter into that state of happiness they never enjoyed before. Then the soul can travel in the way of holiness, which is cast up for

the ransomed of the Lord to walk in; which way will lead the soul direct to the mansions of eternal glory. And now, said the messengers, I pray you, obey the words of truth; that your soul may be delivered from a state of sin and darkness, to inherit eternal life.

4. I replied, I will obey; for I do believe the words given are truth; and I will improve upon them; that my soul may enter into a state of happiness & rest. And from that time to this, I have obeyed the light revealed to my conscience; and great satisfaction have I found in so doing. Yea, my soul is united to all the saints of God; and we can sing the song of redemption, and rejoice in the God of our salvation. And I have been sent to you, to proclaim the same message that was given me. And If you will hearken & obey, deliverance you can find, and your soul become united to the true Church of God, in which ye can find heavenly enjoyment.

5. Altho strange and mysterious were these words that I had heard, yet I believed they proceeded from an honest heart, and were the words of truth. Yea, life and death were placed before me; and I must choose or refuse, obey or disobey the words of eternal truth. Altho crossing to my natural disposition, my spirit

yielded, and obeyed the light revealed to my conscience; and it has been my labor, to increase in the true knowledge of God ever since. Yea, Ruth, I am thankful that you are one that is numbered among the children of light, who have no communion with darkness: yea, I can rejoice with you and all the rest of God's chosen people, for the way of redemption, that delivers the soul from sin and condemnation, to enjoy a happy state of existence, forever to reign with Christ in the kingdom of eternal rest.

6. So be encouraged to persevere; for great is your privilege, to unite with God's chosen people, while in the body; for you will escape much suffering, which would unavoidably come upon you, if you died in your sins. So be thankful and rejoice, that you have heard the sound of the Gospel, while your spirit dwells on earth; for I say, thankful, thankful you will be, that you have believed and obeyed the everlasting Gospel of truth and salvation, when you close with things of time. So my child, farewell in gospel love; also receive the love of Polly Billings and Esther Benton.

Instru. Sarah Ann Benton.

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Chapter IX.

A Letter from Mother Ann to the South Family: given to an Instrument by Inspiration, Thursday, July 29th, 1841.

1, Her Teaching proceeds from Truth and Love; and she requires Obedience to it. 2, She instructs them in several Duties; exhorts them to watch, and keep out the Enemy, &c. 3, She requires them to be faithful to keep the Orders of the Family. 4, The Blessings which they are to receive in giving Heed to her Words. 5, The Love that is sent to the Family.

1. Dear children, hearken ye to my words, for they are the words of truth; and receive them as such to your immortal souls. Truth, truth, I declare unto you at this time; and obedience thereunto do I require of you my children. When I send forth my word to you, it is not in vain; for I know, I know, O dear children, what you stand in need of; for I know on what ground you stand, each & every one of you; and if ye think I know not, you are mistaken. And love has caused me to send this gift unto you. And O my children, will you receive it as such? will you treasure up my words into

an honest heart, and make a right improvement upon them? If ye do, then will my soul rejoice in thankfulness, and ye will rejoice also: for I will cause every soul to rejoice, that obeys my teachings.

2. And this is my word unto you: that ye arise, and stand bold for the cause of truth: ye must be awake, dear children, in order to defeat his vile plots; for many are the ways which he has in view, and of which ye are not all aware, to retard the progress of the soul in the increasing work of God: for he lieth in wait, to deceive many. So search, search ye in your camps; see if all things are in order; see if all is well; see, my children, if you have not a work to do, to purge every thing out of the temple of your God, that does not belong therein; that the enemy may have no quarters, no dwelling place on Zion's holy ground. So arise, arise ye; put on the whole armor; that ye may be enabled to keep your ground. Give ye not back; but press ye forward to the mark of your high calling. Be not weary, discouraged or faint-hearted by the way; for I your Mother will aid & assist each and every soul of you, if ye will be obedient children. And it is my earnest desire, that you would bear your crosses with a cheerful and willing mind, ever laboring

to build each other in your most holy faith; ever manifesting a kind and charitable spirit towards each other in all your words and actions; laboring to do all the good that lieth in your power. If ye do these things, then shall ye be blest by me, and in no other way: for every thing contrary to this, I disown.

3. Now dear children, in relation to every gift and order that ye have knowledge of, I do require you to be perfectly obedient thereto; for they are given for your safety and protection. Think ye not it is unreasonable, or a hard matter, to obey them; but rather be ye thankful that way-marks are placed, to guide you in the path of safety; that ye may travel on to the celestial city of your God.

4. And now dear children, will you give heed to the words you have received from a kind parent? If ye do, I will cause the waters of life to descend on your souls, as the rain descendeth on the earth; and ye may partake freely of the everlasting fountain of love, which floweth forever & ever.

5. So farewell, my dear children, in love. Also, receive the love of father James, with his everlasting remembrance; also father William's love and remembrance; father Joseph's, father Calvin's,

mother Lucy's, mother Sarah's; yea, their everlasting love and blessing: receive ye their love with three bows.

Mother Ann.

Instru. Sarah Ann Benton.

Entered on Record, May 6th, 1842.

Chapter X.

A Message from Mother Ann to the South Family: given to an Instrument by Inspiration, Oct. 2nd, 1841, the Day before the Visitation of Mother Wisdom to the Family.

Mother Ann's Address is to show them how to prepare for the Coming of Mother Wisdom, and how they ought to receive the Messengers.

Write what I give unto thee; for I am about to send my messengers of peace unto thy habitation. Prepare, prepare thy heart to receive them, (for they are clothed with power that is searching,) and make strait paths for thy feet to walk in: let thy soul be cleansed from every impurity of word, thought and deed. Let every soul bathe in the spirit of repentance & humiliation; and every heart be raised

in prayer, to know their duty, and for strength to perfarm it. And whatever thy faith teaches thee, that see to, and not let trifles impede the progress of thy soul. For the time now is for you to arise, and put on the armor of righteousness, and wear it as a shield of defense in hours of trial, & prepare yourselves to meet the message I am about to communicate to you through the medium of my chosen ones. Yea, I have appointed messengers, to meet with you soon; and you may receive them as witnesses of the true and living God: for they have washed their robes in innocency, and stand as living sentinels for the way of holiness. They are not of the world; for they have become crucifics to the world, and the world unto them. They have borne the cross of Christ by precept and example. And you my children, by following their counsel, in faithful continuance, will gain an unfading treasure, a pearl of great price, a justified spirit, that will continue with you in a dying hour, and fit your souls to meet with your gospel kindred in mansions of eternal rest.

Instru. Martha Pease.

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Chapter XI.

A Vision seen by Martha Pease, and accompanied with Communications from good Spirits, Dec. 26th, 1841.

1, Situation of the Visionist for a few Minutes previous to her Trance. 2, Interview with her natural mother, relative to her seceding Sons. 3, She is conducted to the Believers' Settlement at Pittsfield; visits the Elders in the Church, &c.; visits Father Joseph at New-Lebanon, and returns home.

1. Sabbath evening, while attending family meeting, my mind was uncommonly weighed down; and the heft that I felt, was almost insupportable. I prayed earnestly that my soul might find relief; and towards the close of the meeting, I felt a shock that penetrated my very soul. (From whence it came, or whither it went, I knew not; I have some recollection of one or two of the sisters holding me up for a short time, & then placing me in a chair.)

2. The first interview I had with any one,

was with my own natural mother. She said to me, Martha, have you come? I replied, I have. She said, I am glad to see you. I then burst out crying, and could not speak, for some time. She then said, Martha, you must not feel so much. I am sorry the children will do so; but I wish they might see the folly of their ways, and repent. Is there not something that you could say, that would be a benefit to them? I answered, I think not; for they will not receive any counsel from me. She then began to weep, and said, Martha, is there not a duty for you to do towards Omer? He is yet young, and I have a claim on him; and you may tell him, from me, that he must not persecute the people of God. And that he once had a privilege of living with them; and that he must be grateful to them, for the mercy & tender care they bestowed on him. Tell him the sin of ingratitude is a great sin; and he must be accountable for what he says & does. I replied, I do not know when I shall see Omer again: it has been some time since I have seen him; and I think it doubtful about my seeing him again very soon, as all communication with the world is about drawing to a close. She then said, when

you do see him again, do you be faithful to warn him not to afflict and persecute my people. Tell him, my first years were spent without the knowledge of the way of God: but since I have entered the eternal world, I have found the people of God; and these are they: (pointing towards Mother Sarah and a number of others.) She then disappeared, and left me with Mother Sarah.

3. Mother Sarah spoke very comforting to me, she spoke of the work of Believers, and said it would prosper: yea, said she, there is not any thing formed against Zion, that can stand. She then took me with her; and the first place she went to, was at the church at Hancock; and we visited the Elders' room: it appeared to be union meeting time. There I saw Br. Joseph Wicker bowing under the power of God, and talking with elder brother Jonathan and elder sister Jenett: Br. Joseph spoke of the trials of the Believers at Enfield, and received a comforting answer. From this place we went and visited Father Joseph at New Lebanon. He sat at a small table, perusing a book of records; and a number of other good spirits were with him. Mother Sarah remained there, and father Joseph and others returned

to Enfield with me. He stopped at the church-family and stretched out his arm, and said, I will sway the sceptre of righteous judgment in this place.

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Chapter XII.

A Vision seen by Martha Pease, & accompanied with mutual Communications, Feb. 19th, 1842.

1, Her view of a Bay, and Fowls swimming thereon. Her Conversation with father Calvin &c.
2, Her View of a Company of Believers in perfect Order; which had an Allusion to the Strictness and the Increase of Order that was beginning to be required of her & others: Mother Sarah makes the Application for her Instruction.

1. Saturday evening, while attending family meeting, I went into a trance. The first place I visited, was a beautiful bay of water. There were several water fowls swimming upon it; and by the description I have heard given of swans, I suppose these to be some of them. They were very white and handsome. The water was in

great commotion, and looked very white, and resembled the coming in of a strong tide. I walked upon its banks with admiration, viewing the place as the work of God. I then started, to leave the place, and met with father Calvin. He spoke to me of the efficacy of the water; and by the description he gave it, I believed it to be equal to the pool of Bethesda, and used for the same purpose. I then observed a beautiful ring in his hand: it looked like pure gold. I asked him if he knew where Mother Sarah was; and told him I wanted to see her. She soon came and met me. Father Calvin then took the ring he held in his hand, and requested me to bring it to Eld. Elisha; and said, The Lord will yet know them that are his, by the ring they shall bear. Mother Sarah then gave me a beautiful pin, to bring to Eldress Agness: it was about an inch and a half long, and looked like silver, with a pearl seal on the top of it, in the shape of a diamond, and was to be placed upon her handkerchief. I thankfully received their presents, to bring home, and took great care not to lose, nor tarnish them: for they were the first that had ever been trusted in my care, from my spiritual parents to any of my gospel kindred on earth.

2. I then saw a company of Believers assembled in perfect order; and I felt a great desire to witness their devotion. I then asked Mother Sarah if this was her order. She replied, it is. I then spoke of the satisfaction it would be to me, to meet with them. She then said, You may, yet; and then asked me if I thought I could walk there. I told her that I did not know but I could. I then felt the force of the question, and knew that it had a two-fold meaning. I then said, I have accustomed myself to bear my cross for some length of time. She replied, I know it; but the lines are very strait here, and the requirements very great; and it takes a great while for the mind to become wholly renovated & changed, it is so apt to cling to some little earthly object. Young minds are apt to think, I have made a full sacrifice. But to say I have freely given up all, is saying a great deal. I then felt the strength of her testimony, and was convinced that I had considerable to gain yet. And while I heard her speak of the requirements of the Gospel, my mind had great struggles to pass through. But I felt a determination to walk in obedience to the rules of the gospel

order, and lay aside all that had or would be required of me. Mother then said, The order of God grows straiter and straiter, and the requirements stronger. And now is the time for all to do whatever they have to do, to the honor and glory of God; and to use what they have, carefully, and as tho it was not their own, and as doing their duty between God and their own souls. For the earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof.

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Chapter XIII.

A few Words from Father Calvin; spoken to an inspired & visionary Instrument, in Meeting, Feb. 20th 1842.

1, Introduction by the Instrument. 2, Father Calvin speaks concerning the Power of God and the Gift of Healing.

1. Sabbath morning, in the course of our meeting, I saw a number of spirits assembled, and uniting with the brethren & sisters in the worship of God. They brought various gifts with them; their ministration was strong and powerful; and

for a while it seemed as tho the earth was filled with one continual sound of praise. Father Calvin then spake in the following manner.

2. The power of God has been abundantly bestowed among you at this time; and the gift of healing has been administered to you; and you may receive it as a blessing, for it is the healing of nations. It has raised the sick; restored sight to the blind; the deaf have been made to hear, and the lame to walk. And the power of God is the same that it ever has been; and thru faith it may be obtained. For the power of God and that alone is able to raise both soul and body; and even this day the Son of God may be glorified.

Instru. Martha Pease.

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Chapter XIV.

A Message from our heavenly Parents: communicated by them to a visionary Instrument, Feb. 19 & 20th, 1842.

1, Father William and Father James speak, to show what has strengthened the Wicked to afflict the

Believers in Enfield; And they counsel us to make a prudent Use of the Gifts of God, &c. 2, How the Believers are to overcome. 3, A certain Message to be written. 4 & 5, How the Instrument must prepare to receive & write the Message. She complies with the directions. 6, The Lord announces Himself as all-powerful &c., and makes known what he will do for his People. 7, A Day to be kept, to implore his Aid.

1. Saturday evening, Feb. 19th, while in meeting, Father William and Father James appeared. They spoke in relation to the afflictions that the people of God in this place suffered by the hands of the wicked. They said there had been great outlets and inlets from the habitation of Zion to the children of this world; which served to feast & enrage them to oppose the people of God: yea, Achans have been in the camp; and they have been active in the cause of the enemy. They will surely have to be purged out from among the people of God; for they cannot withstand the day that is coming. They said we ought to be very cautious not to cast pearls before swine: that we must deal out the precious gifts of God in a prudent saving manner, as our good Ministry had taught us. That it ought to be our labor, to humble

and subject ourselves to the wise instructions of our beloved Ministry, and freely and thankfully obey every ward of counsel and every order they deliver to us: for wisdom, said they, is given them to direct; and it is only by your perfect obedience to them, that you will be enabled to cast out and overcome the enemy.

2. They also spake of Goliah & David, as a representation of our case at the present time. That the wicked might come forth with a warlike spirit, to overthrow the foundation of truth: but if the believers would labor for a meek & subjected spirit, and trust in the power that is almighty, we should be overcomers, and reign triumphant.

3. They then addressed me, and said, We have a message for you to write for God's chosen in this place. But they did not communicate what it was. Then father Joseph, Mother Lucy & Mother Sarah appeared, and encouraged me in the gift: said that they with father William and father James would be witnesses to the message.

4. Sabbath in the forenoon, Feb. 20th, father William, father James, mother Lucy and mother Sarah, again appeared. They said they

had come to administer the gift of which they had previously spoken; and that I must now humble myself, in order to receive it. They then placed a desk before me, with paper, inkstand and pen upon it, to represent what I should have to do. Then mother Lucy bid me hold out my right hand. And she anointed it, and also placed a bowl of pure water before me, to wash in. Then she bid me arise. And after I had arisen, she bid me kneel down with my face to the floor, and there bathe in the waters of humiliation. She then said I might arise, and go to my retiring room. Then father William, father James, mother Lucy and mother Sarah, gave me their love for the Elders, and a crown for each of them. They then bid farewell, and left my spirit to rest awhile.

5. Sabbath in the afternoon, father William came, and addressed me in the following manner. Bow your spirit low; that ye may receive the precious word of God. Bathe ye in the waters of purification; that ye may be enabled to write what shall be communicated to thee. Write ye in the fear & gift of God; for what thou art called to write, will need strict attention: for the word

of the Lord is precious, and must be dealt with as such. For the Lord God of heaven condescendeth to make known his mind and will unto mortals; and he has, at this time, purposed a message, to be wrote to that part of his Zion who are afflicted by the raging of the enemy, both without and within the walls of Zion. This message I will read; and ye may copy therefrom. He then read as follows.

6. I am the Lord your God, the Father and Creator of every living object that dwelleth upon the face of the earth. I am that I am, the Holy One. My power is almighty; yea, it surpasseth all other powers: nothing can withstand my presence. And all those that put their trust in me, shall be rescued from all evil; yea, I will deliver them from all that harmeth, and seeketh to overthrow the cause of truth. I am a God of justice, a God of mercy, and will give to every one their just due. And the wicked shall receive the wrath of my vengeance; and the righteous the balm of consolation and peace. So let the righteous rejoice, and bow low in humiliation and thankfulness for the tender mercy of their God. And if ye put your trust in me, and cry earnestly for deliverance, thy prayers shall be heard: I will not turn a deaf ear to your en-

treaties; nay, in no wise; but listen with an attentive ear, and answer with an affectionate heart, to the cries of my children.

7. And furthermore, I have purposed that a day should be set apart, for the purpose of humbling yourselves before me your God; and in deep tribulation & prayer seek my mercy & protection.

From the Almighty to his chosen.

We, as witnesses, sign our names to the foregoing declaration.

Lucy Wright,
Sarah Harrison.

William Lee,
James Whittaker,
Joseph Meacham.

Saith father William, this message is to be committed into the hands of the Ministry.

Instru. Sarah Ann Benton.

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Chapter XV.

Statement of a Gift of Healing received by Sarah Ann Benton, thru a ministering Spirit, for her own Restoration, Sabbath, Feb. 27th, 1842.

1, Her Affliction, and her Anxiety to be healed.
2, She relates how she received the Gift.

1. As I had been afflicted, for about a week, with a disordered head, which was very painful; and not being willing to apply for any medical means, I formed the resolution, to labor for a healing gift. And while in meeting at the west family, I was much exercised, and prayed earnestly for the gift of restoration; that I might be released from the afflictions I had suffered the week past. And my prayers were heard.

2. Father William, father James and mother Lucy appeared before me; and father William spake, and said, I have brought the gift of healing; and ye may partake of it, and be restored. I kindly thanked my heavenly parents for their kind notice to me, and desired they

would administer the gift. Accordingly father William touched his finger to the top of my head; and the ministration I received therefrom, caused my head to shake powerfully; and the operation I felt inwardly, where the pain had been seated, was indescribable; because it was so different from any natural power: I received this ministration several times. Then father William handed me some precious ointment, to anoint outwardly that part that was affected. Accordingly I anointed the side of my head and face. I then felt released from all pain, soreness & pressure in my head, and humbly rendered my thanks to my heavenly parents, for the precious gift they had administered to me.

Entered on Record, May 11th, 1842.

Chapter XVI.

Interview between an Inspired visionary Instrument and Caroline Manly; which took Place, Sabbath Evening, March 6th, 1842.

1, 2 & 3, Thru the Mediation of Mother Lucy the Instrument is taken by Trance, to see Caroline, to whom she makes Herself known. 4 & 5, She relates how she received the Gospel, and invites her to accept of the same means. 6, The Woman, affected with her Discourse, is gathered in her Feelings, and Messengers come for her Relief.

1. In the forepart of our union meeting, I beheld father Joseph, mother Lucy & elder Joshua. Mother Lucy came to me, and said that she had a gift for me to go and see Caroline Manly, [a young woman of the world, with whom I was formerly acquainted,] if eldress Agness was willing. Accordingly I informed eldress Agness of what mother Lucy had spoken; and she readily consented.

2. Then Mother Lucy took me to a place, where there was a number of spirits that had never heard the sound of the Gospel; and Caroline was one of the number. I then addressed

her, and made myself known to her. She said she well recollected me, and was thankful I has come to see her: for said she, I have seen no one that I knew, before you, since my spirit left the body.

3. I then addressed her in the following manner. Caroline, I am glad to see you; but should have been thankful, to have seen you in a more comfortable situation. But there is a way for you to be released from the uncomfortable dejected state which you now are in: yea, your soul may rejoice, and give praises to your God, if you will obey the light of truth that ye will receive.

4. I then said, Caroline, I presume you will recollect hearing of my uniting with the people called Shakers; and she answered in the affirmative. I then said, doubtless you was astonished at my proceedings. She replied she was. And then I said, now I can tell you the cause of my forsaking my kind friends and dear associates and every earthly pleasure. It was for the sake of my soul's salvation: yea, the light of truth reached my heart, and awakened me to a sense of my condition: I beheld my

lost state, the dangerous road I was traveling, which was the broad road to death; and I prayed earnestly that my soul might be guided into the strait and narrow path that leads to life. And thru the condescension & goodness of God, the way was made known to me: that I must separate myself from a vain and wicked world, and sacrifice all that was near and dear, yea, every idol of my heart; and that I never could accomplish this, only by confessing all my sins to God's chosen witnesses, and taking up a full cross against that evil by which I had been led & governed. And those witnesses I found among that despised people with whom I have become united.

5. Yea, I have faithfully & honestly confessed all my sins, righted all my wrongs, and am laboring daily to bear a faithful cross against that nature of evil that governs the fallen race. And in doing this work, I have found rest to my soul, yea, that inward joy and satisfaction that none can obtain, short of doing the same work. And now you can have the same privilege. And it is my earnest desire,

that you would make a wise choice, and accept of the offers of salvation, and become united to God's chosen in the spiritual world; where you will experience that joy you never realized before.

6. While I was relating the foregoing, we both wept. She appeared to gather every word; and when I had finished speaking, she thanked me for the words I had spoken; and I felt a witness from her, that she was determined to unite, and obey the truth. Immediately two sisters appeared. I did not know them; but Mother Lucy informed me they were Leaders, and had come to take Caroline with them. I encouraged her to be perfectly obedient to those two sisters, who had come to befriend her. I then gave her my love, and bid farewell, and was conducted home to union meeting.

Instru. Sarah Ann Benton.

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Note. The Instrument also stated, that the next sabbath, March 13th she saw Mother Lucy again; who informed her that Caroline was gathered into an order of young belivers.

The End.

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